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IND125 – Sherry Miller

April 28, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

IND125-1

I'm writing in regards to the Rover Pipeline Project Supplemental FERC Summary of Comments that Rover submitted to FERC on 4/27/16. I need to point out several incorrect statements from Rover regarding our property, our home that they threaten to take through eminent domain.

RE: Comment from Sherry L Miller on 3/1/16

Rover's statement: *"No mine collapse locations were identified along the Project route."*

THE TRUTH: We have lived here at 8180 Cutler Rd SW, Sherrodsville, OH 44675 since 2001. Since then the ground has shifted and settled every year. Our property has small sink holes throughout it, we know because we have lived here for 15 years, I mow the grass all summer long and know when the ground is different and I can guarantee it changes every year. Every spring we fill the sink holes with dirt so the ground won't swallow up the mower. We believe this is due to ground movement through the winter freezing and thawing and a mine under us. Also in our area where this abandoned mine lays beneath us we do not have any two 42" natural gas lines that were installed by digging, trenching or boring under the ground, therefore who is to say there will not be a mine collapse due to the construction of these two huge pipelines over top of an abandoned mine.

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Rover's statement: *"Rover is aware of the well and it is outside of the proposed workspace and contained in imagery from 2006 when the well was still active and is approximately 200 feet from the centerline."*

THE TRUTH: Rover must not look at any of the documentation that I submitted on this abandoned, plugged well. So again I will attach a map from ODNR showing the exact location of this well (20717). Also attached is a copy of the Ohio Division of Geological Survey with all the details of this well including the plugging report dated 5/31/94, therefore Rover's statement "imagery from **2006 when the well was still active** and is approximately 200 feet from the centerline" proves this this not the well they are aware of since the well I'm talking about has not been active since 1993. This well (20717) was plugged with cement and it is currently buried underground in their workspace right beside our garage, please look at my attachments.

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Rover's statement: *"All water wells within 150 feet of the construction workspace will be tested pre- and post-construction"*

THE TRUTH: Will our water well be tested by a company hired and paid for by Rover? If so I don't trust them, Rover will pay off anyone to get the results they want. What if this pipeline does damage our well and we have no drinking water? We definitely can't count on Rover to take care of us if they leave us with no drinking water, they steal peoples land!

RE: Comment from Sherry and Carl Miller on 3/22/16

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Rover's statement: *"The pet cemetery that was referenced in the landowner comment includes a single pet plot within the temporary workspace over which an air bridge will be built during construction to*

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The commentor's statement regarding the presence of a mine is noted. See the response to comment IND6-5 regarding construction in proximity to active and inactive mines.

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Based on the information provided by the landowner as well as our research for gas and oil wells within the area, we acknowledge that the referenced plugged well would be within Rover's construction workspace. Section 4.1.5 of the EIS discusses mitigation measures for construction within 10 feet of a gas well including warning signs, safety fences, hot work permits, and minimizing welding activities.

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Rover would be responsible for contracting a company to conduct all pre- and post-construction monitoring of wells. If construction of the Project results in negative impacts on the well and water supply, Rover would compensate the landowner for a new well or arrange for an alternate water supply. We are recommending in section 4.3 that Rover provide landowners with the results of all well testing.

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The commentor's statement that Rover's mitigation measures for the pet cemetery are not sufficient are noted, however we believe that the implementation of the air bridge would avoid disturbances to the landowner's pet cemetery. We encourage the landowner to continue to work with Rover to identify any additional mitigation measures that would alleviate their concerns regarding the cemetery.

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avoid impacts. Compensation for the trees and crossing of the pet cemetery is included in the proposed easement agreement."

THE TRUTH: The landowners pet cemetery is not a single pet plot, it is exactly as I call it – our pet cemetery. The big Rover executives were not here with us when we had to bury our pets, therefore I guess I should expect they wouldn't know that all of our pets are buried here. On 9/13/2002 we buried our very first dog Moe who was a Boxer and was hit by a car and killed, he was just the first to be buried here where Rover wants to run their equipment over and tear their graves up. On 11/12/2005 we buried our big bulldog boy Midas who died suddenly after being poisoned by his own dog food. On 3/26/2010 we buried our 2nd boxer Kane who I had to make the difficult decision to end his life before the cancer slowly and painfully ended it. On 1/12/11 we buried our cat Puff who was with us for 17 years, I also had to make that hard decision to end her life so she wouldn't suffer any longer. An air bridge will not be good enough for us or them and I highly doubt it will be big enough to cover our dead pets. I was also very troubled by the fact Rover will be digging up my dead goats I have buried within the actual pipeline route. Baily, Beverly, Daizy Gray, Lacy, and Nelly's newborn baby girl were all buried in that field.

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RE: Comment from Sherry L Miller on 4/7/16
Part of my comment: "Why did Rover choose the route they did by our house (**Mainlines MP22**), barely fitting 2 42" pipelines snugly between us and our neighbor behind us and within 300' of fire station? And why do they refuse to move it clear away from our homes?"

Rover's statement: "No site specific comments; no response required."

THE TRUTH: My comment was site specific and I deserve and answer to this question! How much more site specific am I supposed to get? Maybe I should have detailed the site a little more: Mainlines A&B where Rover will be installing two 42" side by side pipelines (known as A pipe & B pipe, AKA Mainlines A&B) at MP 22 (Mile Post 22), sliding pipelines A&B in between us and our neighbor Jerry Renicker, taking out 17 of our dawn redwood trees, running over top of our dead animals and even digging them up, leaving us living within 150' of these deadly explosives, and the Sherrodsville Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc only 300' away from it. I've even submitted pictures of this site to FERC! Why was this route/site chosen?

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Rover will only create temporary jobs during pipeline construction while eliminating permanent jobs such as, organic farmers, tree farmers, truck drivers and railroad workers that currently transport the natural gas. This project is not needed; there are pipeline projects in the works everywhere. They are overbuilding and taking peoples land for nothing. There is no justification to approve Rovers project, it definitely doesn't benefit the landowners they will be taking land from.

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I ask FERC again; please deny this project so my family and the hundreds of other families along this pipeline route can get back to enjoying their home with no worry of explosives being moved in beside them, no worries of something we all worked so hard to have being taken from us by a big gas company so they can profit.

Sincerely,


Sherry Miller

SEE ATTACHMENTS

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See the response to comment IND67-3 regarding route selection.

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Construction of the Project would not prevent farmers from continuing to cultivate fields crossed by the Project. Tree farmers would be limited to planting trees outside of the permanent right-of-way. See the response to comment CO19-41 regarding transport by truck or train. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding the applicants' stated purpose and need.

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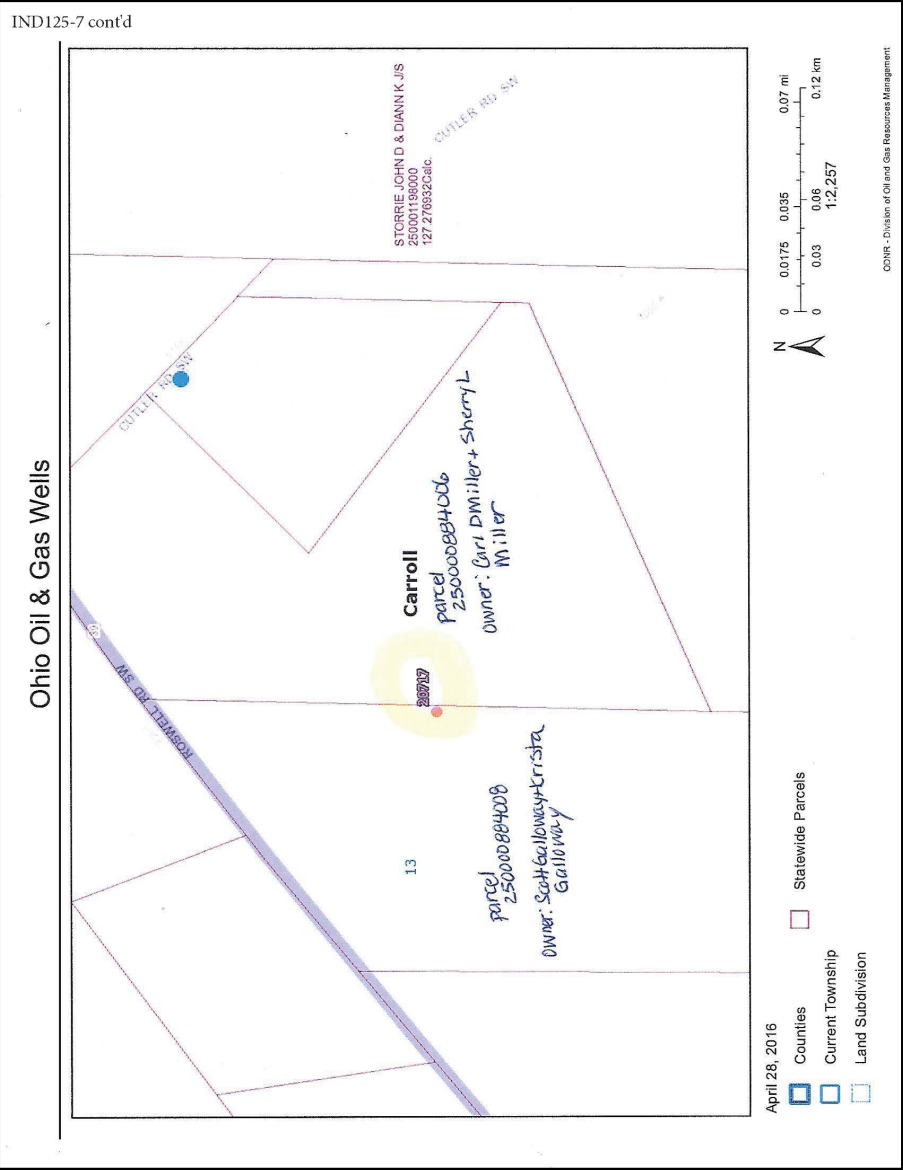
The commentor's request to deny the Project is noted.

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					F/W 4500 BM, 700#				
					Perf. 5408-5438'				
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					TD 5563, LTD 5538'				
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					W.Cl.		5370	5495	

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IND126 – David Daniel & Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust

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20160429-5002 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 4/28/2016 5:54:39 PM	
David Daniel/Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust, Brownstown, MI. Dear FERC Staff,	
IND126-1	<div>Regarding Rover Pipeline LLC's informational response to the DEIS filed 4/27/16, accession # 20160427-5178, summary of comments, pg.105. FERC ID# 20160407-0073:</div> <div>Rover's response to our comments in no way diminishes the validity of or claims and concerns nor the viability of our suggested route variation. In fact, Rovers comments serve to confirm the following truths;</div> <div>1. Until now, Rover has its reason for the reroute.</div> <div>2.Rover committed to the reroute, based on estimates, prior to actually surveying our land.</div> <div>3.Upon surveying our land, Rover discovered a Forested wetland/Perennial stream complex and made no effort to avoid it.</div>
IND126-2	<div>4.Stream and wetland complexes are present on adjacent properties thus causing any reroute to merely shift adverse impact among complexes and from one landowner onto other landowners.</div> <div>Forested wetland/perennial stream complexes are entirely different than emergent wetland/ephemeral stream complexes and this proposed project impacts these complexes in a far different manner. Rover cannot provide justification for its re-route when viable alternatives are so near.</div>
IND126-3	<div>Rover would have FERC believe that the MDEQ, MDNR, & USFWS would permit and allow mitigation simply based on resource identification and location alone, without any attempt at avoidance. Rover is clearly gambling here (think Constitution/New York State DEC). We have worked closely with the MDEQ,MDNR, & the USFWS on wetland restoration and enhancement projects on our land and it is highly unlikely they will permit Rover in this matter given the readily available alternatives.</div> <div>Rover may not be willing to work with us but we realize that the decision is not entirely up to them. We are relying on talented biologists to help us protect our interests. Thank you for your consideration.</div>

IND126-1	The commentor’s statements regarding Rover’s reroute and its responses to the commentor are noted.
IND126-2	The presence of the various wetland complexes were assessed as part of our review of the requested reroutes. See response to comment IND84-1 regarding the requested reroute.
IND126-3	The commentor’s statement regarding coordination with the federal and state agencies is noted. Rover is continuing to coordinate with the appropriate agencies regarding mitigation for Project impacts.

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IND127 – David Daniel & Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust

20160429-5111 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 4/29/2016 10:39:14 AM	
IND127-1	David Daniel/Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust, Brownstown, MI. Dear FERC Staff,
	Regarding a comment we submitted on 4/28/16 (accession #20160429-5002):
	Item 1. states "Up until now Rover has its reasons for the reroute"
	We would like to correct our statement with the following : 1.Up until now Rover has misrepresented it's reasons for the reroute. They have repeatedly claimed the reason was to avoid a large county drain knowing full well that no such drain exists anywhere near our land. Rover's lack of transparency is a common complaint among Landowners impacted by this project and we are making the same complaint. What Rover publishes and publicly states about it's efforts and activities is far different than what they actually do. Rover has made far to little effort to avoid valuable habitat. The habitat on our land is precisely the type of habitat that virtually every regulatory agency involved in this matter, recommends to be avoided whenever possible yet Rover ignores this fact. Thank you for your consideration.

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The commentor’s statement regarding Rover’s lack of transparency is noted.

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IND128 – Sherry L. Miller

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IND128-1	<div><div>Sherry L Miller, Sherrodsville, OH.</div><div>FERC, please read this and really think about it before you make your decision to allow Rover to put 2 42" pipelines beside our home. This was a 30" line and this man was burnt alive and lived to tell his story. I guess I can add that to my list of fears, being burnt alive and not just being killed instantly in an explosion.</div><div>http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/natural-gas-explosion-pennsylvania-leaves-hurt-38759329</div><div>Sherry Miller & family</div></div>

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For a discussion of pipeline safety see the response to comment LA3-1.

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IND129 – Lisa A. Teague

20160502-0056 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 05/02/2016

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I am urging FERC to complete their review of the Rover Pipeline in a timely manner. The United Association shares the same goals as the FERC to preserve the environment and its beauty. Any agricultural areas will be restored according to the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan and landowner requirements, which means that all soils will be placed back into the ditch as they were taken out; the soils will be de-compacted and a native vegetative cover type will be applied to the disturbed portion of the right-of-way; and property specific seed mixes can be applied if the seed mix is available.

These delays only serve to prevent access to this bountiful source of energy and produce uncertainty about America's energy future. This project is estimated to deliver many economic benefits to the regions of Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia such as over 10,000 construction jobs and a multitude of additional jobs hanging in the balance and an estimated \$32 million in state property and sales tax revenue. If we did not build the Rover Pipeline, we would be doing ourselves an injustice. I am asking that the FERC complete its review so that we can begin working on this prosperous project. Thank you.

You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the applicable project docket number (CP15-93-000, CP15-94-000, or CP15-96-000) with your submission:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

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The commentor's support for the Project and request for the FERC to complete its review in a timely manner are noted.

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IND130 – M. Mohn

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20160511-5229 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 5/11/2016 3:32:34 PM	
IND130-1	<div>M Mohn, Pinckney, MI. I have a lot of concerns about the proposed ET Rover pipeline. I am most concerned about the possible effects of a pipeline leak on our ground water, lakes and streams. We have a lot of inter-connected water in the Washtenaw/Livingston County area, and a spill could create a major water contamination issue for our residents.</div>

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Impacts on water resources throughout the Project area are discussed in section 4.3 of this EIS. Rover has developed *Spill Prevention and Response Procedures* that provide measures to minimize impacts due to the inadvertent spill or release of fuel, lubricant, or hazardous materials during construction of the Rover Project.

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IND131 – David Daniel & Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust

20160511-5068 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 5/11/2016 10:44:45 AM

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David Daniel/Jeanne Littlefield Daniel Trust, Brownstown, MI.
Dear FERC Staff,

We are requesting FERC to officially re-open the public comment period for the Draft EIS of the proposed Rover Pipeline Project and to notify stakeholders, in writing, of doing so. FERC has hastily issued the draft EIS thus producing a document lacking key environmental reports to the point of it's being considered useless, in its current form, by the USEPA. The document contains nothing from the MDEQ or the Michigan DNR Fisheries Division.

Rover is prone to taking shortcuts in this process. FERC cannot fall prey to Rover's timeline pressure. Stakeholders are entitled to sufficient opportunity to review and comment on all subsequent applicant filings during an "official" comment period prior to the issuance of a Final EIS. Thank you for your consideration.

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The commentor’s request to extend the comment period is noted. Staff has continued to accept and review comments received after the close the comment period up until the issuance of the final EIS.

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IND132 – Karen Jones

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20160511-5234 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 5/11/2016 3:57:21 PM	
IND132-1	<div>Karen Jones, Pinckney, MI. I am writing to you today as a Buckley to please help us stop this pipeline from going in . We bought property 11 years ago and a beautiful subdivision that backs up to a golf course . We never thought in our wildest dreams that a pipeline would be put in 100 feet from our home . Well people say pie fines are safe there is no 100% guarantee on safety . There are explosions weekly in the United States from pipelines. Unfortunately the housing market has not returned enough or we could move and sell our home because that was our first thought . I have two children that are young in age 3 dogs and my husband and myself and if there were to be a problem with this pipeline everything I owned and our entire family would be wiped off the planet . This pipeline is not necessary this pipeline is going to give most of the natural gas up to Canada . This is big business not concerned for anyone safety . I beg beg beg of you to reconsider giving them the permit to do so . Just because they can doesn't make it right !</div>
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The commentor’s statements in opposition to the Project are noted. For a discussion of pipeline safety see the response to comment LA3-1.
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The commentor’s statements in opposition to the Project are noted. See the response to comment IND48-6 regarding export.

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IND133 – Frank Zaski

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20160517-5060 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 5/17/2016 10:20:50 AM	
Frank Zaski, Franklin, MI. To quote the Ontario Energy Board:	
IND133-1	<p>"IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT ROVER WILL PROCEED. Even if it is built, the evidence indicates that there is no available capacity for Union and Enbridge [in Canada] as the project is already fully subscribed." This is from the OEB order to approve the Nexus pipeline: https://www.uniongas.com/~media/aboutus/regulatory/rate-cases/eb-2015-0166%20nexus%20contract/Dec_Order_NEXUS_EB-2015-0166%20EB-2015-0175_20151217.pdf?la=en</p> <p>There is not enough market need to justify Rover, especially the Market Segment from the Defiance Hub in Ohio to the Dawn Hub in Ontario.</p> <p>The producers/Shipper's plans to push gas to a hub is not a good indicator of "public convenience and necessity." This is especially true when the hub is dominated by distribution companies with strong ties to other pipelines and no expressed interest in Rover gas. This is the case in Michigan and Ontario.</p> <p>Rover has no precedence agreements in Michigan NEITHER of the two major gas distribution companies in Michigan have contracts with Rover. DTE owns 50% of Nexus and has a precedent agreement for 150,000 Dth/day of capacity on NEXUS for 15-years. DTE also has agreements with existing pipelines. CONSUMERS ENERGY has contracts with existing pipelines and has no agreement with Rover.</p> <p>Rover has no precedence agreements, or future in Ontario As the Ontario Energy Board order stated above, "It is not certain that Rover will proceed. Even if it is built, the evidence indicates that there is no available capacity for Union and Enbridge, as the project is already fully subscribed."</p> <p>UNION and ENBRIDGE are the major gas pipeline and distribution companies in Ontario. Spectra (which owns 50% of Nexus) owns Ontario's Union Gas. Union is a Nexus anchor shipper and has a precedent agreement for 150,000 Dth/day of capacity on NEXUS for 15 year.</p> <p>ENBRIDGE and DTE share ownership in the Vector pipeline (60%/40%). Enbridge is a major gas distributor in Ontario and has a Nexus precedent agreement for 110,000 Dth/day for 15 years.</p> <p>Plus, there are other reasons Rover has little future in Michigan or Eastern Canada The Dawn Hub premium price incentive for Rover (and Nexus) is gone. Gas prices at Dawn are now very similar to MichCon and Henry Hub and the price at Dawn is expected to be even lower than Henry Hub in 5 years.</p>

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As discussed in sections 2.0 and 3.0 of the EIS, the Rover Pipeline Project no longer terminates at the Dawn Hub in Ontario, but terminates at the Vector Meter Station in Livingston County, Michigan. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need. As stated in section 1.1 of the EIS, Rover has executed binding precedent agreements for all but 0.15 Bcf/d of the pipeline's total capacity.

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20160517-5060 FERC PDF (Unofficial) 5/17/2016 10:20:50 AM	
IND133-1 cont'd	<p>http://www.ferc.gov/market-oversight/mkt-gas/midwest/ngas-mw-yr-pr.pdf and P15 in http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/_Documents/EB-2015-0237/Navigant_2015-NGMR_Presentation.pdf</p> <p>Pipelines from Marcellus/Utica via the Niagara, Chippawa and Waddington, New York interconnect points are more cost effective for Ontario consumers than from Rover and Dawn.</p> <p>The landed cost of gas into the Enbridge service area (Toronto) would be lower from Niagara (\$4.90 \$CAD/GJ) and Waddington (\$5.30) than from Vector (\$5.55), Rover (\$5.73) or NEXUS (\$5.82).</p> <p>http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/re/c/516178/view/</p> <p>Forecasts call for tepid natural gas demand growth in Michigan and Eastern Canada.</p> <p>Michigan's CMS and DTE have not announced new gas electric generation plants that would start before 2022. They are adding more renewable energy and Michigan's energy efficiency programs are causing declining demand for electricity and heating fuels.</p> <p>Eastern Canada relies heavily on hydro power and has aggressive programs to increase renewable energy and energy efficiency. Their forecasts call for little increase in demand for natural gas.</p> <p>There appears to be little investment in LNG export from Eastern Canada. Plus, there are at least 11 existing gas pipelines that now serve the Gulf Coast from Utica/Marcellus. There are many reports that address the very uncertain future for LNG export from the US.</p> <p>This FERC Policy Statement seems to apply to Rover: "The Commission explained that as the natural gas marketplace has changed, the Commission's traditional factors for establishing the need for a project, such as contracts and PRECEDENT AGREEMENTS, MAY NO LONGER BE A SUFFICIENT INDICATOR THAT A PROJECT IS IN THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY." https://www.ferc.gov/legal/maj-ord-reg/PL99-3-001.pdf</p> <p>FERC, while Rover may have firm agreements with Antero, Range and other producers to transport gas, do you have any indication that there are significant buyers and users at these destination hubs for this large quantity of gas? From the above, it is very unlikely.</p> <p>With so little real market support, Rover is not needed for public convenience and necessity; there are too many human, financial and environmental assets at risk.</p>

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IND134 – Lawrence Goff

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT REVIEW FOR THE
ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT, PANHANDLE BACKHAUL PROJECT, TRUNKLINE BACKHAUL
PROJECT
DOCKET No. CP15-93-000; CP15-94-000; CP15-96-000; PF14-14-000
DEIS COMMENT MEETING COMMENT FORM**

Check the box to indicate the meeting you attended:

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Barker Memorial Bldg. 214 North 4 th Ave. Paden City, WV. 26159	Harrison Central High School 440 E. Market St. Cadiz, OH 43907	Buckeye Central High School 938 S. Kibler St. New Washington, OH 44854	Fairless High School 11885 Navarre Rd. SW Navarre, OH 44662

Comments can be: (1) left at the sign-in table, (2) mailed to the addresses below, or (3) filed electronically by following the instructions provided below.

Please send two copies referenced to Docket No. CP15-93-000; CP15-94-000; and CP15-96-000 to the addresses below.

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To expedite receipt and consideration of your comments, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet web site at www.ferc.gov under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account, which can be created on-line.

COMMENTS: *(Please print; use and attach an additional sheet if necessary)*

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I am a landowner with a spring near the pipeline route. The spring capture zone is crossed by the route, as shown in the attached map. I would like to ensure that the suggestions put forth in the attached letter are followed by Rover and monitored by the FERC. A simple fix to this issue would be to move the route

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Commentor's Name and Mailing Address *(Please Print)*

Lawrence Goff
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Impacts on water resources throughout the Project area are discussed in section 4.3 of this EIS. Impacts and mitigation for groundwater resources, including the use of "trench plugs" to minimize the flow of water in the pipeline trench are discussed in section 4.3.1.7 of the EIS.

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Our analysis and conclusions regarding the requested reroute are provided in table 3.4.3-3 of the EIS. Based on our analysis, we determined that the proposed route is acceptable and we are not recommending a reroute through this parcel. Rover would install trench plugs in the trenchline in accordance with its Procedures.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR COMMENTS

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north of the spring capture zone identified in the
attached map. This would be preferable. I would like
to be contacted personally with regard to this issue.

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Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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December 24, 2014

Mr. Lawrence Goff
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Navarre, Ohio 44662

Dear Mr. Goff;

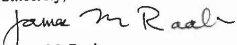
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This letter is in response to our telephone conversation in which you requested information on recharge area or capture zone of your spring and ways to protect or preserve the spring. You stated your concern stems from a proposed pipeline being installed in your area.

I examined the water well records, geologic maps, and ground water maps to determine that your spring would be considered a gravity type spring. This type of spring relies on precipitation soaking into the soil and rocks in close proximity to your spring location. As the water moves down through the soil and then the rock, it encounters a relatively impermeable layer which causes the water to flow horizontally instead of vertically and ultimately discharges as surface water at your spring location. The bedrock in your area consists of interbedded shales, sandstones, limestones and coal. A shale layer is probably the formation that is causing your spring.

I have enclosed a map that shows what I would estimate to be the capture zone for your spring. This area is approximately 35 acres in size. Any land or surface water disturbance in this area could cause the flow of your spring to change. Any excavation within a couple hundred feet of this area should be closely monitored to see if any shallow or perched ground water is intercepted. One way to minimize the capture of this ground water in the back-filled trench is to install clay dams every 200-300 feet along the trench. The clay dams would be 5-10 feet thick and would take the place of the gravel that is usually used to backfill the trench. Installing the clay would minimize the flow of water in the trench, thus minimizing the French drain affect the pipeline trench could cause. I also recommend that you start measuring the flow of your spring and continue to do so through the pipeline construction. Record the date and time of your readings so you will be able to tell if there is a change in flow.

If you have any questions, please let me know. My direct phone number is 614-265-6747 and e-mail address is jim.raab@dnr.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

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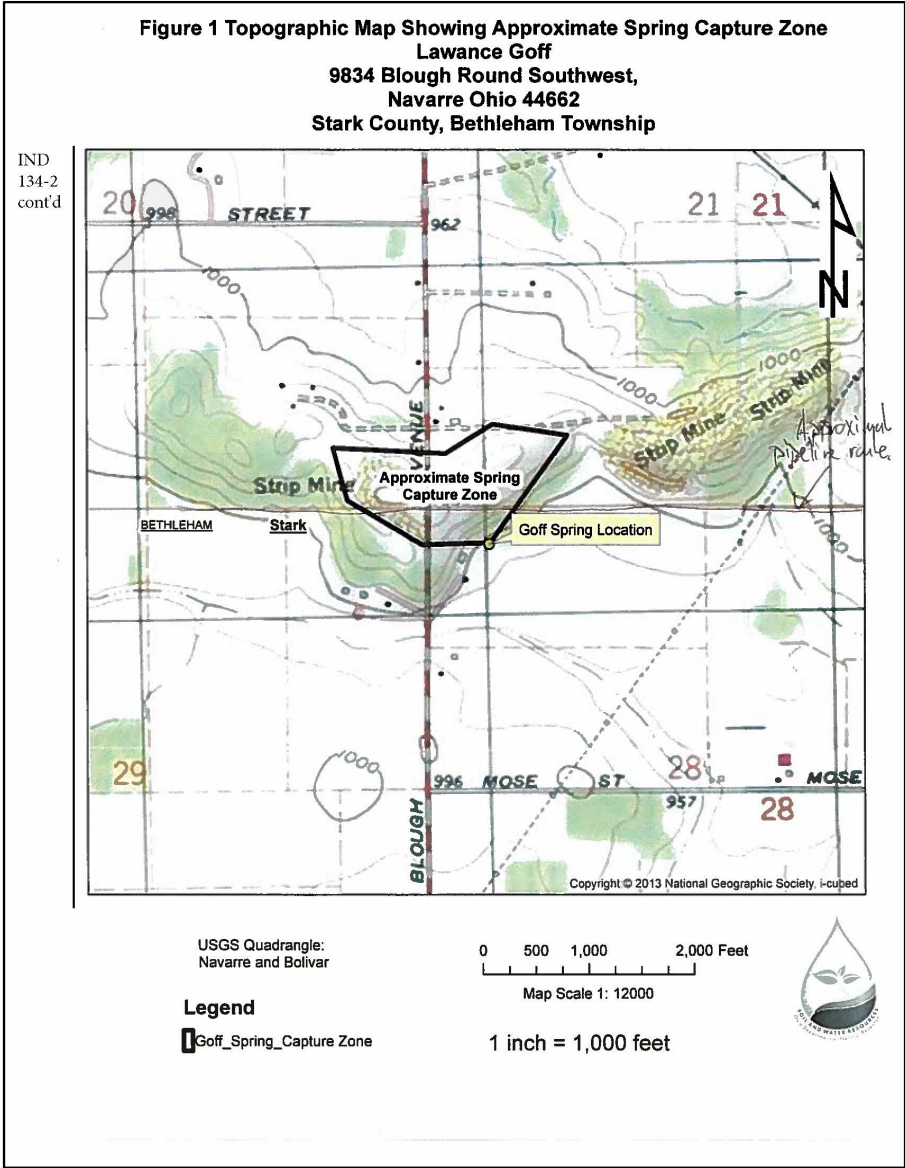


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There were not enough farmers speaking on our behalf - but then farmers make up only 2% of the population. Is this the reason gas & oil companies think they can run over us & wait till the food runs out.

Commentor's Name and Mailing Address (Please Print)

Judith Goshe
2015 S. Co Rd, 19
Tiffin OH 44887

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Impacts on agricultural land are discussed in section 4.8.4 of the EIS.

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Commentor's Name and Mailing Address (Please Print)

Katherine Haselberger
203 Maple Avenue
Woodsfield, OH 43793

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I have 6 interstate pipelines on my farm already. One is no longer in service, 3 separate companies are seeking FERC approval for 3 more eminent domain pipelines. Put your new line where the line that has been abandoned is located. This would mean less of my farm would be unusable to me as a timber grower.

IND136-1

The presence of multiple pipelines on the commentor's parcel is noted. The commentor's request that the pipeline be constructed to replace an existing abandoned pipeline is noted.

IND
136-2

Also, I resent unions presenting pro positions at these Comment Meetings. My farm is impacted for decades. I pay taxes on land I cannot

IND136-2

The commentor's statement regarding unions is noted. All environmental comments are considered by Commission staff with equal weight regardless of the entity of the submitter.

IND
136-3

develop for my timber crops. The union workers do not live on the land which ET Rover is taking thru eminent domain.

IND136-3

See the response to comment CO19-42 regarding compensation for timber. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.

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IND137 – Roger Maurer and David Maurer

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	<p>Rover Pipeline LLC.</p> <p>Docket Nos. CP15-93-000, CP15-94-000 and CP15-96-000</p> <p>Roger Maurer and Dercams LLC.</p> <p>2901 Batdorf Rd.</p> <p>Wooster, Oh 44691</p>
IND137-1	<p>My name is Roger Maurer. Our family grows fruit, vegetables, and grain south of Wooster, Ohio. The Rover pipeline is proposed to transgress land that we farm.</p> <p>Good quality soil is the basis of any farming operation. The status of soil health helps determine the profitability of an agricultural business. Farming, today, is a business, and all business must make a profit to survive. We employ people to work with us to produce quality fruit, vegetables, and grain. In turn, our employees spend their earnings at local stores, thus contributing to economic robustness of Wayne County and Ohio.</p> <p>We have employed no till and cover crop practices on this land for over 20 years. Our soil is alive and rainfall infiltrates the soil easily and does not run off. Soil erosion has ceased to be an issue. This will all change on both the permanent and temporary easements when pipeline construction commences. Heavy equipment and construction when the soil is too wet will result in soil compaction, and the destruction of all the life living in the soil. Soil structure that has evolved over the years through our use of no till and cover crop practices will be destroyed.</p> <p>We vehemently disagree with Energy Transfer Partners and the FERC impact statement that claims that there will be no long term damage to the soil. FERC uses the example of a study in the State of Arizona. This study does not fit the conditions or soils of Ohio. There has never been a project this large in Ohio, but there are examples of large pipeline projects in Iowa, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. From what we have found in our research, farmers would not agree with the conclusion that there is no long term yield loss associated with large pipelines. These farmers have seen yield losses of 40% to 50%, and some of these lines have been in more than ten years. They seem to think it will be more than a generation before yields become comparable to the rest of their ground. This will change our rotation. Attached are pictures of crops being grown on two or these pipeline right of ways.</p> <p>The quality needed for fresh market fruits and vegetables is dependent on several factors. The most important is soil with excellent structure and tilth. Again, the excavation and compaction involved on both the temporary and permanent right of ways during the construction of this pipeline will destroy the soil structure. The tilth of the soil is related to the biological activity in the soil. This includes bacteria, fungi and invertebrates. All of these organisms are dependent on oxygen in the soil for their survival. The compaction caused by the construction equipment will result in the death of these</p>

IND137-1

See the response to comment FA4-5 regarding soil compaction. See the response to comment CO9-1 regarding crop productivity and restoration. Given that topsoil would be segregated prior to construction, and Rover’s measures to minimize compaction, the biological activity in the soil is not expected to be significantly impacted.

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IND137-1 cont'd	organisms. The organic matter is oxidized when the soil is tilled or disturbed. Certain plant pathogens are more active in soils that are waterlogged and compacted. An example is phytophthora disease complex that can be found in crops such as: strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, peppers, and cucurbits. This pathogen causes root and fruit rots. Compaction also leads to shallow rooting. Shallow rooted crops will have issues with water and nutrient uptake.
IND137-2	<p>There will be heat generated by the compression of the gas and the friction from the movement of gas through the pipeline. This will mean growing fall planted crops and perennial crops such as alfalfa, strawberries, and raspberries will become very risky due the fact that heat from the pipeline will force these crops to break dormancy earlier and in many years, will cause these crops to winter kill. Heat will cause the soil to dry out faster, and in dry periods, will cause drought stress.</p> <p>We will no longer want to grow fruits and vegetables on the land affected by the pipeline because the above listed conditions will result in a low quality product with limited profit potential.</p>
IND137-3	<p>FERC should at the minimum require Energy Transfer Partners to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remove the soil in three lifts on all agricultural land.2. Only work when soil conditions are dry enough for agricultural operations such as tillage.3. Mats must be used to mitigate compaction4. Drainage must be repaired properly by local contractors of the landowner's choice.5. Drainage issues will continue to show up years after construction is completed, and Energy Transfer Partners shall be required to correct the problems in a timely manner and compensate the landowner for the loss of productivity.6. Neighbor's drainage will also be affected, and must also be addressed in a timely manner.7. Reclamation must be done in a manner that is approved by the landowner.8. The cost of soil amendments and cover crop seed should be paid for by Energy Transfer Partners for at least five years if the landowner is using these in the reclamation of their farm.9. The settling that will occur over the trench shall be brought level with surrounding ground. This will be accomplished by bringing in good quality topsoil.10. Energy Transfer Partners shall be responsible for the introductions of weeds not found on the property before the construction of the pipeline. These include weeds such as: water hemp, giant ragweed, and palmer amaranth.11. According to the March 25th Wall Street Journal, 50% of oil field loans at several major banks are labeled as in danger of default. This probably includes companies providing gas for this pipeline, and may include Energy Transfer Partners themselves. The contracts oil and gas producers entered into with Energy Transfer Partners may become null and void if they declare bankruptcy. Then, the fees for transmission will be determined by a bankruptcy court judge. Bonding shall be required so the landowners are not stuck with an open trench for years while the terms of bankruptcy are determined in a court in Texas.
IND137-4	<p>The Rover pipeline should not be allowed to proceed unless the above conditions are met.</p> <p>Energy Transfer Partners is using the threat of Eminent Domain to coerce landowners to sign an easement agreement. Landowners are concerned that once FERC issues their certificate of need,</p>

IND137-2	Slight warming of the ground near the pipeline is possible, but would not be expected to occur in such changes to significantly impact the surface temperature of the soil.
IND137-3	Based on Rover's adherence to its CMPs and our recommendations in the EIS, we conclude that Rover's impacts on agricultural lands would be short-term. These measures include mitigation for compaction, drain tile repairs, drainage repairs, invasive species mitigation, and restoration. Rover has committed to voluntarily implement several of the mitigation measures discussed by the commentor or in accordance with landowner negotiations.
IND137-4	See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.

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Energy Transfer Partners will immediately impose their right of Eminent Domain, thus depriving the landowner of any say as to how their land is treated during construction. Energy Transfer Partners have not negotiated in good faith. They have been trying to undermine the landowners' right to legal representation.

IND137-5


We know that there needs to be pipelines to transport oil, gas, and petroleum products. These pipelines cross farm land. We did not ask for the pipeline to cross our property, but we realize that it is necessary. We also expect to be compensated fairly for the value of the land they are using and the reduction in value of the land adjacent to the pipeline.

IND137-6


The FERC commissioners are all either former utility executives or government bureaucrats. Who represents the landowners? The agricultural community is disproportionately affected by these utilities, and no one with any working knowledge of agriculture is there to mitigate the damage, and make us whole. The list of authors of the DEIS list one person with an agricultural background. Not in agronomy, but in pre veterinary science.

All of us in agriculture are concerned about the havoc that will be wreaked upon farmland by the construction of the Rover pipeline. Agriculture is the biggest industry in Ohio. It is sad to see so many organizations and businesses throwing the agricultural community under the bus. Our businesses and livelihoods are being threatened, but to some people we are just collateral damage.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roger Maurer



Dercams LLC.

David Maurer

Manager

IND137-5 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.
See the response to comment CO14-3 regarding property values.

IND137-6 The FERC staff have experience in multiple resource areas, including agricultural. Additionally, we review all comments submitted by landowners in order to identify areas of concern and potential mitigation measures. A thorough analysis of impacts on agricultural lands, including several recommendations from our staff, are included in section 4.8.4.

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Viewing a thread - Calling all farmers with 42" pipelines

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Lancaster County farmer says crop yields never the same after gas pipelines

 By AD CRABLE | Staff Writer Aug 12, 2014



Ad Crable
Rapho Township farmer Mervin Shenk shows how corn in Texas Eastern gas pipeline right of way is shorter than the pipeline vent pipe is in the foreground.

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IND138 – James McNaull and Greg McNaull

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	<p>679 County Road 1775 Ashland, Ohio 44805</p> <p>April 7, 2016</p> <p>To Whom It Concerns:</p>
IND138-1	<p>After meeting with Rover’s representatives, and the land steward we have some concerns we would like to address with regards to the Rover Pipeline. Realizing that a large portion of our wealth is invested in highly productive land, we have highlighted below our concerns regarding the installation of the ET Rover Pipeline that intersects two of our farms.</p> <p>On the Ritchie farm consisting of 106 acres owned 50/50 by McNaull Real Estate LLC and Greg McNaull Real Estate LLC, the Rover gas line starts in the NE corner of the property and angles SW most of the length of the property before heading directly south to the adjacent property. This angle causes a disruption of 60 acres of the property cutting some old and new tile. We purchased this property in October 2013 after leasing the farm for 42 years with plans to systematically tile the farm. However, with the news of the Rover Pipeline project we have delayed doing so until we identify more specifically what the gas line construction will entail. Upon seeing general plans of the project, we can now see that tiling is going to require a substantially greater amount of both materials and time to complete the job correctly. Lastly, the angle of the Rover Gas Line insures that this portion of the farm will be used exclusively for crop production.</p>
IND138-2	<p>The Bruno farm which is a family farm dating back to 1873, owned by McNaull Real Estate LLC was systematically tiled by a drainage contractor. When tile are installed they are expected to last several generations and disruption in systems causes them to fail prematurely. Trying to repair damaged tile in order to achieve full functionality again is no easy task. The settling of fixed drainage lines over gas lines is very common. Our experience with previous gas companies has been that they do not come back to correct settling problems or incorrectly installed drainage lines as indicated in their easement agreements without the involvement of a lawyer. Gas lines also allow water to move easily in the soil profile along the gas lines and the disturbed ground which can cause the development of unnecessary wet spots that did not exist previously. While the Rover Senior Right of Way Representative Mr. Damon McCarthy claims Rover is not like other gas companies, he also admits that he has no previous experience working in an area with tile like that found in Ohio. Energy Transfer, a company based out of Texas and with representatives like Mr. McCarthy, seems to lack comprehension of the amount of damages that can be caused to highly productive farmland.</p>
IND138-3	<p>Crop losses are difficult to determine but could occur for periods as short as 5 years or be indefinite, as we’ve seen with another gas line that was installed 23 years ago on one of our other farms. We have attached yield map, to illustrate this yield loss. The illustrated yield loss impact was due to an 8” gas line which is considerable smaller project than the one proposed by Rover. The total impact of the Rover Pipeline construction on our properties is far greater than what the proposed easements have</p>

IND138-1 See the response to comment CO9-2 regarding impacts on drain tile and associated mitigation and restoration measures.

IND138-2 See the response to comment CO14-3 regarding drain tile plans. See the response to comment CO9-2 regarding impacts on drain tile and associated mitigation and restoration measures.

IND138-3 See the response to comment CO9-1 regarding crop productivity and restoration.

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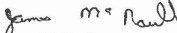
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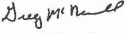
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encompassed. This is not our first time dealing with the installation of gas lines and we have never felt that we have been fairly treated. No matter how hard the contractors try to restore the land to original form it is impossible to accomplish.

In no way do we benefit from the installation of this line. We would love to have natural gas for grain drying, heating our livestock facilities, and homes but this line does not even accomplish that purpose. We are being required to tolerate it for others benefit both domestic and foreign. This does not seem like much of a “public” utility if those directly affected cannot benefit from it in some form.

Sincerely,


James McNaull,
McNaull Real Estate LLC


Greg McNaull
Greg McNaull Real Estate LLC

IND138-4 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding Project need.

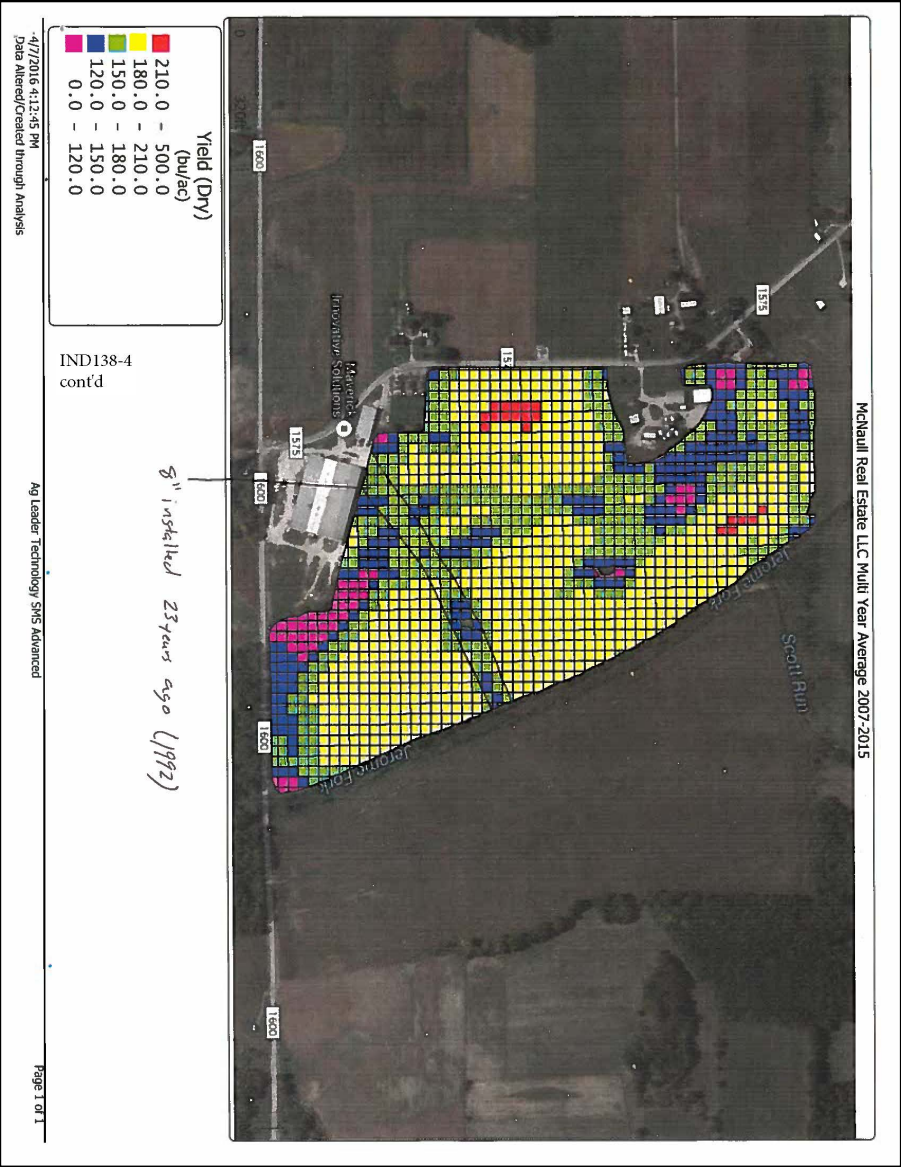
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IND 139-1 We are very concerned about ET ROVER constructing
a main line gas valves on our farm. They plan to build on 2 crop
fields of cropland. This will take the land out of crop production forever
IND 139-2 and will cover over the entrance to this part of the farm.
IND 139-3 Also ROVER has never told us the weight limit of our
farm machinery over top of 2 pipelines

Commentor's Name and Mailing Address (Please Print)

Michael O. Schmuki
8144 Stone Ave.
Navarre OH 44662

* WE ARE CONCERNED About HEAT GENERATED
From Pipe Line - This will HURT CROP (FAD)

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IND139-1 See the response to comment CO9-1 regarding crop productivity and restoration.

IND139-2 An analysis and our conclusions regarding this parcel is provided in table 3.4.3-3 of the EIS.

IND139-3 Farming, including passage of tractors and plowing, over buried pipelines is a common practice and would not be prohibited by installation of the pipeline. Weight limits should be determined during easement negotiations with Rover.

IND139-4 Slight warming of the soil immediately surrounding the pipeline is possible, but would not be expected to significantly raise the surface temperature of the soil.

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This pipeline project will create many jobs for local union laborers,
operators, teamsters, and 798 welders, helpers and journeymen.
This project will also benefit local businesses such as hotels, campgrounds
Food markets, restaurants, and gas stations, and local drain tile
contractors. The Rover pipeline will also help Ohio economy not only
because of my previous statement about local business but also

Commentor's Name and Mailing Address (Please Print)

Ryan Zoller
5759 Newton Falls Rd.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

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The commentor's statements regarding to positive impact on jobs
and the economy is noted.

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being able to put Ohio's natural resources to use. All of us skilled union workers take pride in our work and the quality of it. I myself am a member of local 798. We are the ones responsible for the welding of the pipe itself. Every single weld that we make must pass x-ray inspection. This is exactly the same as an x-ray at the hospital. The x-ray inspectors are able to see any flaw in the weld that could possibly cause the weld to crack, leak, or fail in any way. If a flaw is discovered it is immediately repaired and x-rayed again to ensure that the weld is flawless. I have also worked on the labor side of the pipeline process as I am a member of Laborers Local 894 out of Akron, OH. I have done sandblasting and coating of the pipe where each weld was made. This coating prevents any corrosion of the pipe when installed in the ground. I have been around the clearing of ROW, Digging of the ditch, installing pipe in the ground, back filling, and "clean up" or putting everything back how it was. This includes reseeding and fertilizing soil, cleaning up any that wasn't there before. Every step of the pipeline process is done with care and quality is our priority. I highly support the Rover Pipeline and believe it will be great for Ohio.

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IND142 – Sherry L. Miller

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Sherry L Miller, Sherrodsville, OH.

I ran into this article about Energy Transfer merging with Williams Cos. at <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-05-26/energy-transfer-seeks-right-to-kill-williams-takeover-in-court>. I just wanted to submit this to FERC as yet another reason why Energy Transfer's Rover Pipeline should be denied. Below is the article I copied and pasted:

Energy Transfer Equity LP is seeking the right to kill its deal to buy Williams Cos. and to collect a \$1.48 billion breakup fee from the energy pipeline operator, accusing it of breaching the terms of their merger. Williams broke the pact between the two pipeline giants by, among other things, refusing to cooperate with Energy Transfer's efforts to finance the deal and failing to make "reasonable best efforts" to complete it, Dallas-based Energy Transfer said Thursday in a statement. The company is asking the Delaware Court of Chancery to rule that it can "immediately terminate" the agreement due to the alleged breaches and said it would be entitled to the breakup fee if it did.

A termination would mark the end of a months-long ordeal that has seen Energy Transfer and Williams fight each other both in and out of court over a deal that's gone sour since it was first announced in September. Back then, the merger was valued at \$32.9 billion. The ensuing plunge in oil prices dragged down both of the companies' stocks, throwing into question the economics of the transaction, straining discussions between the two and casting doubt on the merger's completion. It's no "surprise that Energy Transfer is looking to terminate the merger, but now they've confirmed the fact that they want to get out," said Michael Kay, an analyst for Bloomberg Intelligence. "Williams isn't going to back off, and Energy Transfer wants out of the current deal structure now."

Energy Transfer units were up 61 cents, or 5.5 percent, at 2:09 p.m. in New York trading. Williams was up 52 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$21.33.

Scheduled Trial

Energy Transfer said Thursday that Williams further breached the terms of their agreement by making public statements "implying that the Williams Board supports enforcing the merger agreement as opposed to completing the merger." Its court filing is in response to a lawsuit Williams filed earlier this month in an attempt to keep Energy Transfer from using a June 28 closing deadline or a failed tax opinion to pull out of the deal.

Related: Lawsuits Mount as Energy Transfer's Williams Bid Falters

Williams said in a statement Thursday that Energy Transfer's latest claims "are entirely without merit and are yet another transparent attempt" by the company to avoid fulfilling its obligations. The Tulsa, Oklahoma-based company said it'll prove at trial that Energy Transfer was the one to breach the merger agreement "through a pattern of obstruction."

The companies are scheduled to go to trial in June.

Tax Opinion

Energy Transfer has repeatedly said the merger can't be completed because the company hasn't been able to get a "721 opinion" that would deem it an exchange that frees shareholders from tax liabilities. It's seeking the court's permission to cancel the deal if it still hasn't been able to

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The commentor’s request that the Project be denied is noted.

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IND142-1 cont'd	<p>obtain the opinion from tax counsel Latham & Watkins LLP before the June 28 closing deadline.</p> <p>The two companies are also fighting in court over a private offering that Energy Transfer held without Williams’ blessing earlier this year. In a lawsuit, Williams accused Energy Transfer Chief Executive Officer Kelcy Warren of “maliciously orchestrating” the offering to “enrich himself” at the expense of other shareholders.</p> <p>Energy Transfer’s latest statement came just a day after the U.S. declared “effective” the deal’s registration statement on the so-called Form S-4, giving Williams shareholders the go-ahead to hold a vote on the merger at a June 27 meeting.</p> <p>“Notwithstanding the pendency of the litigation described above, ETE intends to continue to comply with all of its obligations under the merger agreement,” Energy Transfer said in its statement.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>For some reason Energy Transfer has a hard time working with others and playing fairly. This says a lot about how they will behave if given the permission to build this huge pipeline. Energy Transfer's executives are clearly greedy liars and they should not be permitted to steal hard working peoples land, put their families in danger, steal family businesses and farms, and destroy what environment we have left so they can profit. Please excuse my language but I just have no other words to describe this, I'm just a country girl not a big, rich gas lord.... It just a pissing contest between these huge gas companies to see who can get richer faster while us normal people who have held an honest job our entire lives get crushed. See if we are lucky, it takes us honest people 30+ years of payments to the bank just to be able to own our own home. We only ask for 1 home, we do not need 7 homes like Kelcy Warren. We are happy with 1 home where we know our kids are safe from huge buried pipe bombs.</p> <p>I ask FERC to deny Rover Pipeline so us little people can continue working hard and honestly to live our little "american dream" safely.</p>

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IND143 – John I. Klotzle

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john I Klotzle, MARSHALLVILLE, OH.
To the F.E.R.C.

I am writing this letter in response to Rover Pipelines latest offer to essentially purchase my land for the right to cross over my property. I would like to present the side of the story of a land owner that is having land taken from them.

This property has been in my family for over 60 years. It has been used for farming, a home stead, recreation and is now a established tree farm. It has been set up with the intentions of creating a controlled timber cut every 15 years or so for as long as the land will grow tree's.

All of these plans and planning has now been forever changed with the energy boom seemingly coming out of nowhere. Along with this boom came a survey team which crossed over my land & decided that we were going to sell them our land for this Rover pipe line.

This may sound like the beginning of a long complaint and it is & it isn't.

I truly realize that for the good of many people; this pipeline as other pipe lines, must be built. Although I do not necessarily like the fact this pipe will cut my land in half; long point to long point. I understand that it will create many jobs now & in the future along with the overall good the product will do for so many. I personally do not think it a threat to me or my family and think this is the safest way there is to move gas. Therefore, I am not fighting this pipe crossing my land.

The part I am fighting is the way I have been treated as a land owner. Which has been with virtually no respect what so ever! I have never been contacted by Rover about my willingness to allow this. I was simply told that Rover is demanding passage without so much as a I'm sorry or can we.

Never has anyone contacted me to ask how this affects my land, my future my lively hood or loss of my recreational opportunities or privacy.

Never has anyone contacted me & asked what I value the land at, or what type of income it generates, or how this will affect me or my family. No one from anywhere has ever approached me or other land owners to help with tax issues or other concerns we all have

Not only has Rover decided to take the pipe route they also decided to take even more land, which they decided they need for a permanent right of way. No one bothered to call me to explain or at least go over my options (if I have any) or describe what this permanent right of way will look like or what route would work out the best for all of us, nor how it will be maintained and by whose expense. Nor did they make an offer as this is actually a land sale. There have been no discussions with me; as to what this now means to me as the land owner, such as will Rover people now have permanent access to all of my land as they so deem necessary? To enter & traverse my land as they so please? What will the value of my privacy be set at if Rover people are now a permanent part of my land?

All of my ground is now in a forestry management plan designed & kept in place by Sylvancare Forestry Consulting. Set in place in October of 2000. All of the land is now in different stages of timber development & this pipeline & right of way is virtually cutting it all in half. Again no one has bothered to call to take note of all this and most certainly

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The commentor's statements regarding poor treatment from Rover are noted. See the response to comment CO19-42 regarding compensation for timber. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations and eminent domain. Property values are discussed in section 4.9.5 of the EIS.

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IND143-1 cont'd	<p>have not made a worthy offer to me or my lawyer. With the latest offer from Rover actually being more of an insult than anything else. These offers from them have one purpose and that is to take advantage of anyone out there not capable of defending themselves or incapable of waiting out a possible settlement after eminent domain has been proclaimed on their property. Once again disregarding the most important part of a pipelines existence which is the very land it will be buried in.</p> <p>To walk in unannounced, proclaim they are taking my land by splitting it in half, taking a permanent right of way, effectively ruining my recreational uses, & most of all taking my privacy all without so much as a how do you do or a do you mind?</p> <p>Then to add insult to injury making a ridiculous offer of \$150,000 which is basically a year's income.</p> <p>Add all this to absolute silence from Rover concerning the time lines of construction or any communication on what to expect, such as when I should harvest timber or just plain more clarity of this whole project. There have been no updates, no construction schedules no nothing.</p> <p>I am a small business owner that makes a living trying to please my customers. To treat the most important part of your project like I have been treated is just plain un excusable and what that it is really saying is that we; the land owners are of no concern to Rover. We the landowner are of no concern to Rover for one simple reason which is eminent domain.</p> <p>For them to claim the country needs this line, to take my land according to their wills and then to completely ignore us, the land owners. Treating us like were absolutely nothing. All of this strictly because they have the power of eminent domain. They know that they; with your permission, can push this line through, and then tie up all unwilling and mistreated landowners in court for years and years.</p>
IND143-2	<p>I would hope this letter generates an immediate response to The Rover Company as I am sending it to as many congressman & political positions of power that I deem for my good. Hopefully the FERC will not allow them to effectively take away our bargaining ability by granting this massive company eminent domain rights before they make a fair settlement to all parties.</p> <p>For us land owners facing this huge company. The only chance we have for fair compensation is getting it done before this pipeline construction is granted the okay by the FERC.</p> <p>My name is John Klotzle My land is in Green Twp in Monroe county. Rover is taking 3482.64 feet of my land for the pipe along with 4 acres of permanent right of way. You can contact me at john@bkconcreteconstruction.com 330 466 0284 Thank you</p>

IND143-2 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations and eminent domain.

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2 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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5 ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT : CP15-93-000
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9 Patrick Henry Middle School
10 7E-50 Road
11 Hamier, Ohio 43524

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14 Monday, March 21, 2016

15 The above-entitled matter came on for Scoping
16 Meeting, pursuant to notice, at 6:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman, the
17 moderator.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (6:02 p.m.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Good evening everyone. On behalf of
4 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission I would like to
5 welcome all of you here tonight. I want to welcome all of
6 you to the public comment meeting on the draft Environmental
7 Impact Statement or DEIS for the Rover Pipeline and
8 Trunkline and Panhandle Backhaul Projects. Let the record
9 show that the DEIS comment meeting began at 6:02 p.m. on
10 March 21, 2016 in Hamler, OH.

11 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am an Environmental
12 Project Manager in the Office of Energy Project, a division
13 of the FERC. To my right is Kim Sechrist, who is also a
14 representative of the FERC tonight. Also with me tonight is
15 Christine Allen, Oliver Pahl and Jon Hess who is also
16 representing FERC today. You'll note we do have a court
17 reporter set up here tonight so we will have an accurate
18 record of this meeting. If you would like to get a copy of
19 that transcript you can make arrangements with the court
20 reporter following this meeting.

21 In February of 2015, Rover Pipeline LLC,
22 Trunkline Gas Company LLC, and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline
23 Company filed applications under Sections 7 of the Natural
24 Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas
25 pipeline facilities. Rover's Project would consist of the

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1 installation of about 500 miles of variable-diameter and
2 some dual-natural gas pipeline in West Virginia,
3 Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio as well as ten new
4 compressor stations. Panhandle and Trunkline's Projects
5 would involve modifications to their existing facilities to
6 allow Rover to deliver gas into existing pipeline systems.

7 The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to
8 give you all an opportunity to provide specific
9 environmental comments on the draft EIS prepared by FERC
10 staff on these Projects. It will help us the most if your
11 comments are as specific as possible regarding the proposed
12 projects in FERC Staff's Draft Environmental Impact
13 Statement.

14 So I would like to clarify that this project is
15 not being proposed by FERC, it is proposed by Rover and its
16 affiliates. Rather, FERC is the lead federal agency that is
17 responsible for validating applications to construct and
18 operate interstate natural gas pipeline facilities. The
19 FERC therefore, is not an advocate for the Project.
20 Instead, as we have mentioned before throughout this
21 process, particularly the FERC staff that are here tonight,
22 for us, we are advocates for the environmental review
23 process.

24 Now during our review of these projects, we have
25 assembled information from a variety of sources. Some of

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1 these sources have included applicants, the public, other
2 state, local and federal agencies and our own independent
3 analysis and field work. So we analyzed this information
4 and prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement and was
5 distributed to the public for comment. A Notice of
6 Availability of the Draft EIS was issued for this project on
7 February 19th of this year.

8 In our preparation of this Environmental Impact
9 Statement, several other Federal and State agencies assisted
10 us with our preparation of the EIS. These are what we would
11 call "cooperating agencies". I would like to thank them for
12 their continued assistance in our review of this Project. I
13 would like to thank the Army Corps of Engineers,
14 Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
15 Service, Ohio Environmental protection Agency and the West
16 Virginia Department of Environmental protection who also
17 assisted us in the preparation of this document.

18 So we are nearing the end of the 45-day comment
19 period of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This
20 comment period will end on April 11th of this year. All
21 comments that we receive, whether they be written or spoken
22 will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact
23 Statement. I encourage you, if you plan to send comments
24 and have not, please do so today be it verbally during the
25 comment portion of our meeting or using one of the forms in

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1 the back of the room.

2 You can also submit comments using the procedures
3 outlined in the FERC's Notice of Availability of the Draft
4 EIS which includes instructions on how to submit your
5 comments electronically. All comments will be considered
6 with equal weight regardless of whether they are provided
7 here tonight or submitted in writing. Also, if you have
8 received a copy of the Draft EIS, whether it be a paper copy
9 or a CD, you will automatically receive a copy of a final
10 environmental impact statement in the mail.

11 If you did not get a copy of the draft EIS in the
12 mail and you would like a copy of the final, please do give
13 use your name and address at the sign in table and we will
14 make sure that you do get a copy of the final EIS. Do be
15 advised that the final EIS and the draft EIS are not
16 decision-making documents. So that is, they do not
17 determine whether or not the Project is approved. I want to
18 differentiate the roles that distinct staff members have for
19 FERC.

20 Myself and the other FERC staff here tonight are
21 part of the Environmental Review Staff. So we do not
22 determine whether or not the Project moves forward.
23 Instead, the FERC Commissioners and there are five, who are
24 presidentially appointed, are responsible for determining
25 whether the Project moves forward. In making their

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1 decisions, the Commissioners consider a host of
2 environmental information and non-environmental information
3 such as engineering, markets and rates in their decisions.

4 Only after taking the environmental and
5 non-environmental information into consideration will the
6 Commission make its final decision whether or not to move
7 approve the project. If the Commission does approve a
8 project, and a Certificate of Public Convenience and
9 Necessity is issued, Rover, Panhandle and Trunkline will be
10 required to meet certain conditions outlined in that
11 certificate.

12 FERC environmental staff would monitor an
13 approved project through construction and restoration and
14 perform daily on-site inspections to document environmental
15 compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the
16 applicant's proposed plans and mitigation measures and any
17 other additional conditions in the FERC Certificate.

18 So I'll end with the boring stuff about FERC. We
19 will get to the part where we talk and hear comments from
20 those of you tonight. If you'd rather not speak tonight, or
21 don't get to say everything you wanted or think of something
22 later, you can still hand in written comments tonight using
23 the forms we have at the back table or you can always just
24 send them into the Commission using the information detailed
25 in the Notice of Availability.

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1 So as I mentioned, this meeting is being recorded
2 by a court reporter so all of your comments will be
3 accurately transcribed and put into the public record. I
4 will call you, so far eight speakers that I have signed up
5 in the order that you signed in and I ask that you state
6 your name so they can be accurately transcribed and I will
7 get to that in just a second. As the speakers are speaking,
8 the only rule that I have is that you do respect the speaker
9 as they are at the microphone, regardless of whether you
10 agree or disagree with their comments.

11 So the first speaker that I would like at the
12 lectern at this time is Glenn Miller.

13 MR. MILLER: My name is Glenn Miller with two Ns,
14 M-I-L-L-E-R. Thank you for allowing me to comment this
15 evening. I'm one of three Henry County Commissioners and
16 we're concerned about this Project, especially restoration
17 of soils and drainage systems which would be disturbed in
18 the construction process. Two important facts I feel need
19 to be mentioned in my comment and the first one is, in the
20 1950's the pipeline was installed, over fifty years ago.
21 You can still see the effects of that pipeline. You can see
22 aerial photographs that follow that pipeline through the
23 path through our county. In talking to any of the
24 landowners you will be told the productivity of the soil is
25 very poor.

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See the response to comment CO20-14 regarding the FERC’s conclusions for impacts on soils. See the response to comment CO9-2 regarding drain tile systems. See also the response to comment IND55-1 regarding restoration requirements.

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PM1-2	<p>1 The second fact that I would like to mention,</p> <p>2 Henry County is part of what is known as "Black Swamp". To</p> <p>3 make land productive required complex drainage systems to be</p> <p>4 constructed to move water off the land and on into Lake</p> <p>5 Erie. The combination of surface and underground drainage</p> <p>6 was constructed to allow the soil to dry in a timely manner.</p> <p>7 Because the Rover Project will affect many future</p> <p>8 generations, it is imperative FERC require Rover to</p> <p>9 responsibly restore the land, also to hold Rover responsible</p> <p>10 for restoring the land drainage system with the approval of</p> <p>11 the landowner. Both land restoration and drainage</p> <p>12 restoration should be completed before Rover is allowed to</p> <p>13 pump any gas through the pipeline. That's my comment.</p> <p>14 Thank you.</p> <p>15 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Miller. The second</p> <p>16 speaker tonight is Charles Yates.</p> <p>PM1-3</p> <p>17 MR. YATES: Good evening. My name is Charles</p> <p>18 Yates. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on</p> <p>19 behalf of the Rover Pipeline, the United Association. We</p> <p>20 are members of, some of us over here and you know I was</p> <p>21 going to get up here and I had something prepared to read</p> <p>22 here but I would like, you know to respond to the gentleman</p> <p>23 that went before me. I was speaking with another gentleman</p> <p>24 here when we started, before we started here and he had the</p> <p>25 same concern.</p>

PM1-2 See the response to comment IND21-5 regarding drainage.

PM1-3 The commentor’s statement about worker training is noted. The
commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 We are talking about fifty years ago, or better
2 when those pipelines that were laid -- in the fifties. You
3 know, we have state-of-the art training facilities now and
4 we do things a lot different than they did back in those
5 days. We have Energy Transfer Partners, they are in this
6 Rover Pipeline and they go out there and they try to put
7 everything back, better than it was when they started it.
8 They go out there and they survey the land before they
9 start, when they come back when it's opened they are going
10 to put it back just like it was before. They are going to
11 cross street crossings, they are going to make sure that
12 they go back in there to keep the roads intact.
13 We're the best of the best. I have been doing
14 this thirty-five years myself and we all go out today, and
15 we're going to go in there and we are going to put this
16 pipeline together and it's going to be put together right.
17 Our contract is to go out there and take every opportunity
18 to make sure that we get along with the landowners, we get
19 along with the communities. We are going to spend a lot of
20 money, and a lot of that money is going to be stay in these
21 communities.
22 We've been laying these things for over one
23 hundred and twenty-five years but the standards have changed
24 and I would just like to speak in support of this Rover
25 pipeline. We have so many jobs that go overseas and

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PM1-3 cont'd	<div>1 everything and this is going to bring a lot of jobs back to</div> <div>2 the United States. Thank you.</div> <div>3 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Yates. Third speaker</div> <div>4 tonight is Rob Rettig.</div> <div>5 MR. RETTIG: Hello, my name is Rob Rettig. I'm a</div> <div>6 farmer in Henry County. I want to thank you for the</div> <div>7 opportunity to speak on behalf of the farmers along the</div> <div>8 affected Rover Pipeline route. The proposed pipeline runs</div> <div>9 through three of my family's farms and four others that we</div> <div>10 have been entrusted to operate. My formal education is in</div> <div>11 economics. I am a local school board member therefore I can</div> <div>12 understand and fully appreciate the potential positive</div>
PM1-4	<div>13 impacts of the proposed pipeline. However, as a citizen of</div> <div>14 a country which obviously respects an individual's property</div> <div>15 rights, I would expect that those who sacrificed for the</div> <div>16 benefit of a for-profit entity would be honorably treated</div> <div>17 and properly compensated.</div>
PM1-5	<div>18 The farms that we operate that lie in the path of</div> <div>19 the proposed pipeline are extremely productive. We have</div> <div>20 repeatedly been told that there is an expectation of slowed</div> <div>21 productivity but will return to normal in like three years.</div> <div>22 Our past experience with evasive activities of these</div> <div>23 clay-based soils would indicate otherwise. Experience also</div> <div>24 would indicate that the long-term damage to soil structure</div> <div>25 will likely be predicated by soil and weather conditions at</div>

PM1-4	See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations and eminent domain.
PM1-5	See the response to comment IND20-2 regarding restoration and crop productivity.

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PM1-5 cont'd	1 the time of the installation. We will be able to 2 effectively measure productively in perpetuity with our 3 geo-reference spatial equipment. If Rover and others are 4 convinced that one hundred percent productivity is the 5 expectation, I would suggest commitment to a long-term 6 compensation agreement based upon this easily measured 7 productivity.
PM1-6	8 It alarmingly appears that Rover is using as its 9 baseline for some negotiations on eminent domain cases -- 10 data based on less productive and differently structured 11 soil. Other pipeline projects have noted three times the 12 amount of per foot procurement of access rights. Access 13 rights procurement is a minute portion of Rover's overall 14 effort.
PM1-7	15 We've also been -- by Rover's reluctance to 16 accept the drainage mediation plans as recommended by its 17 agent, Land Stewards and our local contractors. If these 18 remediation efforts were handled incorrectly, the cost to 19 the individual landowner could be tens of thousands of 20 dollars on an annual loss basis. Of course and off-putting 21 factor is the fact that the landowners and landowner reps 22 have invested hundreds of hours of individual time and 23 hundreds of miles of travel to meetings that of course could 24 have been otherwise invested.
PM1-8	25 I also understand that some of our requests might

PM1-6	See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations.
PM1-7	See the response to comment CO14-2 regarding drain tile plans.
PM1-8	See the response to comment IND20-6 regarding a reroute on the commentor’s parcel.

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PM1-8 cont'd	<div>1 be difficult or impossible however we have a request, at</div> <div>2 least at face time, do not seem unreasonable and would save</div> <div>3 Rover thousands of dollars in remediation costs. It is</div> <div>4 asking that Rover alter the route by 84 feet at either end</div> <div>5 of the half-mile section. This would result in the pipeline</div> <div>6 running exactly parallel to the existing powerlines and</div> <div>7 would eliminate all the need for collecting -- domains.</div> <div>8 This parcel is OH-HEM 49.</div> <div>9 Thank you again for this opportunity. You have</div> <div>10 been receptive to expressed concerns in the past, and for</div> <div>11 that I ask for your agreement. Attached is my contact</div> <div>12 information.</div> <div>13 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Mr. Rettig. Our 4th</div> <div>14 speaker tonight is Terry Langley.</div> <div>15 MR. LANGLEY: Good evening. My name is Terry</div> <div>16 Langley and I would like to thank FERC for letting me speak</div> <div>17 tonight. I represent the United Association of Workers --</div> <div>18 we're the welders that will be doing the work on the Project</div> <div>19 and since 2008 many of our workers have found themselves</div> <div>20 underutilized and underpaid in these projects and certain</div> <div>21 positions get sent overseas for less skilled workers.</div> <div>PM1-9</div> <div>22 Large Union-structured projects like Rover</div> <div>23 Pipeline are the kind of endeavors our country needs to put</div> <div>24 American workers and communities, in which they reside, on</div> <div>25 the path to economic prosperity. Use of the Steelworker's</div>

PM1-9 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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PM1-9 cont'd	<p>1 United Association, the Rover Pipeline will be constructed</p> <p>2 using the most advanced engineering technology. According</p> <p>3 to the first draft of the Environmental Impact Study, it</p> <p>4 seems the pipeline officials have guaranteed to meet and</p> <p>5 even exceed state and Federal Pipeline Safety Requirements.</p> <p>6 This is due to a visual inspection conducted</p> <p>7 everywhere connecting different segments of the pipeline as</p> <p>8 well as pre-test for leaks and defects usually water under</p> <p>9 power -- pressure. Also emergency shutoff valves will also</p> <p>10 be utilized in the improbability event of an emergency.</p> <p>11 Thank you for letting me speak.</p> <p>12 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Mr. Langley. Our fifth</p> <p>13 speaker tonight is Richard Emens.</p> <p>14 MR. EMENS: Thank you, Mr. Bowman for the</p> <p>15 opportunity to speak as you said my name is Richard Emans.</p> <p>16 My law firm Emans and Wolper Law Firm in Columbus represents</p> <p>17 more than 200 landowners on the Rover Pipeline, that's more</p> <p>18 than sixty-five miles of right-of-way and a hundred miles of</p> <p>19 pipe and I guess I really want to say a hundred miles of</p> <p>20 pipes, because my first comment goes to the fact that we</p> <p>21 believe the draft EIS needs to emphasize that this is not</p> <p>22 just one pipeline. Other than a mention early on in the EIS</p> <p>23 that there are dual pipelines, the entire report continues</p> <p>24 to talk about a pipeline. These are two huge, 42-inch</p> <p>25 pipelines, twenty feet apart that will have a major impact</p>

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See the response to comment CO20-8 regarding the use of the term pipeline in the EIS.

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PM1-10 cont'd	1 on the land and we think the report needs to indicate that.
PM1-11	2 Secondly, I want to say that we appreciate in
	3 Section 4.8.4.1 the comment that Rover should commit to
	4 hiring locally trained contractors to install and repair
	5 drain tiles that are damaged and need to be rerouted.
	6 However, we think it's important that be amended to say that
	7 Rover should commit to work with the local landowners who
	8 are impacted and with local drain tile contractors to come
	9 with mutually acceptable plans.
	10 The drain pile -- as was mentioned by Mr. Miller,
	11 especially in the Black Swamp area where many of our clients
	12 have land, as mentioned by Mr. Rettig, impact not just the
	13 several thousand acres that the pipeline goes through but
	14 tens of thousands of acres of these landowners and if the
	15 drain tile work is not done correctly there will be
	16 additional tens of thousands of acres of the neighbors of
	17 the directly impacted landowners. So it's vital that
	18 acceptable drain tile plans be worked out acceptable to the
	19 landowners and to Rover working with the local drain tile
	20 contractors.
PM1-12	21 I want to mention also, there are several, seems
	22 to us, very brief mentions of compaction in the DEIS, but
	23 nowhere do we find any statement that compaction will reduce
	24 the yields on these properties. With these huge pipelines
	25 and the enormous equipment that is involved there is going

PM1-11 See the response to comment CO14-2 regarding drain tile plans.

PM1-12 See the response to comment FA4-5 regarding soil compaction.

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1 to be tremendous compaction that will adversely affect the
2 yield, not just where the pipeline is but where ever this
3 equipment comes on the property and this needs much more
4 writing and recommendations to Rover in the EIS we believe.

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5 We also want to comment that while we're not
6 privy to the financial arrangements that Rover has with its
7 partners, we did notice in the SEC documents that Rover took
8 in more than 25% partner and we don't know currently what
9 it's called. At one point it was called AUR, at one time it
10 was called AAU, at one time it's called Ascent, but there
11 have been numerous mechanics liens filed against that entity
12 in Ohio and typically when you find a mechanics liens being
13 filed against an oil and gas producer, that means they have
14 financial problems and we don't have access to the documents
15 that show what the relationship between ETE, ETP, Rover and
16 Ascent, AAU, AUR or whoever they are but we think that FERC
17 needs to make sure that this will not adversely impact
18 Rover's ability to do the things that FERC is going to
19 require them to do.

20 We do appreciate the fact that FERC is making a
21 number of recommendations. We think there are additional
22 that need to be made some we've commented on tonight and we
23 will be filing additional comments. Thank you again for
24 letting us comment.

25 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Emens. Our sixth

PM1-13

See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding the financial
stability of the Project.

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1 speaker will be Ben Polasck.

2 MR. POLASCK: Good evening. I'm Ben Polasck. I
3 first want to start off by thanking the FERC and thank you
4 Kevin for your time and allowing us to comment this evening.

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5 I am a third generation landowner and farmer, that will be
6 significantly affected by the proposed ETO Pipeline Project
7 in both Defiance and Fulton Counties. The Pipeline crosses
8 four farms, four different farms owned by my family and one
9 farm that I rent. My family has owned much of this land for
10 many years going back for many generations so this land is
11 our home, our passion, and our way of life. It is our
12 entire life. It is not just a business to us. We are
13 passionate about taking great care of our land.

14 I would like to thank the FERC for allowing me to
15 share some additional -- some significant concerns I have
16 after I reviewed the Draft EIS statement. I would also like
17 to thank FERC for taking so many of our comments into
18 consideration from the previous scoping meetings as well as
19 some of the comments that we filed directly with FERC. I
20 feel that the draft EIS does not accurately reflect the
21 long-term damage that's going to occur to the farm land when
22 the excavation occurs. This is especially true if at any
23 time the ground is disturbed when conditions are not
24 optimal.

25 Over the years we have taken great care not to

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See the response to comment IND20-2 regarding restoration and crop productivity.

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1 trod upon the land or disturb the soil when it is too wet or
2 the conditions are not fit. Even in these optimum
3 conditions, compaction does occur. The larger the
4 equipment, the more compaction. Things such as tractors,
5 spreaders, combines, etc. all can cause significant yield
6 reductions for many years if the traffic patterns are not
7 maintained.

8 Yield monitors indicate significant reduction in
9 production over pipelines that have been installed as many
10 as fifty years ago. In addition, if you look at satellite
11 photos or on Google Earth, or other satellite photos, you
12 can clearly see these pipelines some thirty years, forty,
13 fifty, sixty years ago that have been installed and clearly
14 see the effects they have on the land yet today.

PM1-15

15 I do have some photos of that that I would like
16 to submit to FERC as well to show some of this damage. What
17 struck me is that a couple of times this year I drove past
18 several pipelines that have been installed a long time ago
19 and there were 2-3 inches of snow on the ground except over
20 the pipeline. The heat from the gas is actually melting the
21 snow completely off the pipelines.

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22 In addition, any excavators, staging pipe,
23 bulldozers or other heavy equipment will create a very
24 long-term environmental impact on the soil from compaction.
25 I would ask the FERC to clearly require Rover to address

PM1-15

The commentor's submittal of photos is noted.

PM1-16

See the response to comment IND23-9 regarding construction in wet conditions. Additionally, Rover would be limited to designated travel lanes to move equipment along the right-of-way.

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1 this long-term environmental damage that will occur on the
2 land. It is not something that will go away in three years.
3 This will require a combination of remediation and
4 restoration efforts, compensation for the many years of
5 reduced productivity and ensuring that work only occurs when
6 conditions are optimal.

7 This is not something you can come in and simply
8 say tomorrow we are scheduled to lay a mile of pipe and we
9 have to do it. You have to look at the ground conditions
10 and make sure that you are not damaging the ground any more
11 than is absolutely necessary. In reviewing the Draft EIS,

PM1-17

12 it often appeared to me that more focus is put on conserving
13 wildlife and other environmental concerns, but not to the
14 farmers and the landowners.

15 I would like to ask FERC to give these
16 responsible landowners similar protection to what's given to
17 the bats that are nesting, the birds and the other wildlife
18 that may be disturbed by actually being near it. I also
19 work in construction as well so I understand how much work
20 -- a lot of the activities that go through, cleaning,
21 building, building paths and so forth. I have a lot of
22 respect for the highly-skilled Union workers that will be
23 doing this. I am sure they will do a very quality job.
24 However, some of these environmental impacts are beyond
25 their control if they are forced to put them in at the wrong

PM1-17

Section 4.8.4 discusses impacts and mitigation for agricultural lands.

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1 time.

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2 In the many years we have been farming we have
3 moved over to a significant portion of our ground being
4 no-till ground. With no-till, we do not till the soil.
5 Tilling the soil, especially at the wrong times does
6 significant damage and destroys microbes in the soil and
7 also breaks down the soil structure. Many of the studies
8 that we have looked at show that in order to convert to a
9 no-till system takes 15 to 20 years to get the soil restored
10 back to the original conditions to get the micro-bacteria
11 where they need to be. Again when the soil is excavated as
12 it is going to be for this 42-inch pipeline, that's going to
13 take at least twenty years if not longer to restore that
14 soil.

PM1-19

15 In addition to the environmental and
16 socioeconomic impact on farmers such as myself that have
17 invested their life and both time and money to the land to
18 support their families could be detrimental. Our land is
19 not for sale however we do face the strong possibility that
20 it could be taken from us via eminent domain. This pipeline
21 will have a negative impact on our land and its production
22 for many generations, much longer than my lifetime, into my
23 children's and my grandchildren's.

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24 As we realize the pipeline project is likely to
25 continue and I do understand the need for progress in

PM1-18

See the response to comment CO9-1 regarding crop productivity.
See also the response to comment CO11-1 regarding easement
negotiations.

PM1-19

See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner
negotiations and eminent domain.

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See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner
negotiations and eminent domain. See the response to comment
CO15-3 regarding easement agreements.

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1 America to transport natural gas. We have attempted on
2 numerous occasions to negotiate with Rover to insure that
3 they will continue their project, but at the same time
4 reduce the environmental impact and protect the land for
5 future generations. However Rover has refused to respond to
6 our efforts to negotiate in good faith.

7 For over a year, I through my attorneys have
8 presented Rover items that need to addressed in an easement
9 to mitigate these environmental impacts and we've requested
10 written proposals from Rover detailing these safeguards in
11 terms that would be acceptable to both ourselves and Rover.
12 However, Rover refuses to provide any written agreement to
13 address these issues. The terms of the agreement are just
14 as important as financial compensation. My attorneys have
15 provided to Rover a written list of these details that we've
16 desired in mutual agreement, however Rover will not agree or
17 disagree in writing to these conditions.

18 Rover is absolutely refusing to negotiate in good
19 faith. It is currently my understanding that less than
20 thirty percent of the right-of-ways have been secured by
21 Rover for this project. While I understand the limited use
22 of eminent domain is necessary once a Certificate of
23 Necessity is issued, that will help obtain a few holdouts
24 that are not negotiating. However, it seems completely
25 unreasonable for Rover to think that they can acquire up to

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PM1-20 cont'd	<p>1 seventy percent of the land needed for a project by eminent</p> <p>2 domain, especially if landowners have come to negotiate and</p> <p>3 Rover is refusing. Clearly, this shows Rover's complete</p> <p>4 disregard for the landowners and the effects that this</p> <p>5 project is going to have on them.</p> <p>6 Instead of communicating and negotiating in good</p> <p>7 faith, Rover is sending threatening letters, called and</p> <p>8 asked to stop using the attorneys because it's too</p> <p>9 complicated for them and failed to provide the information</p> <p>10 we are requesting to help us negotiate fairly with them. I</p> <p>11 ask FERC to require Rover to negotiate in good faith and to</p> <p>12 prevent Rover from using eminent domain or issuing a</p> <p>13 certificate until we can clearly establish that they have</p> <p>14 attempted to negotiate with landowners in good faith. FERC</p> <p>15 should also require that a significant percentage of the</p> <p>16 land be obtained with negotiated agreements prior to</p> <p>17 allowing Rover to use eminent domain to obtain the remaining</p> <p>18 land needed.</p> <p>19 This project should not be permitted going</p> <p>20 forward until Rover can demonstrate that they have</p> <p>21 negotiated in good faith and are addressing these</p> <p>22 environmental concerns with the landowners. As each</p> <p>23 property is different, it is very important that each</p> <p>24 landowner has an opportunity to have their issues addressed.</p>
PM1-21	<p>25 In addition to loss of production, I also request that FERC</p>

PM1-21 See the response to comment CO14-4 regarding property values.

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PM1-21 cont'd	<p>1 ensure Rover addresses the environmental impact the pipeline</p> <p>2 will have on our homesteads. By putting the pipeline right</p> <p>3 next to our homes through our front yards, we will see a</p> <p>4 significant impact on our property value. FERC needs to</p> <p>5 clearly require Rover to address the significant decrease in</p> <p>6 our homes' value. We ask the members of FERC to think about</p> <p>7 would you pay the same for a home that had a pipeline</p> <p>8 running right through the front yard.</p>
PM1-22	<p>9 Another environmental issue I ask FERC to fully</p> <p>10 address is drainage. Rover has worked with Land Stewards to</p> <p>11 plan some of the mediations and corrections to the tile</p> <p>12 systems that we have grading in our fields. Following the</p> <p>13 plans to work with the Land Stewards' drainage consultants,</p> <p>14 he recommended placing the tile at twenty foot rather than</p> <p>15 at thirty-three foot that are on some of our properties to</p> <p>16 help compensate for the drainage issues as he saw compaction</p> <p>17 as a significant issue after the pipeline is installed.</p> <p>18 However, after a few calls to him, it was moved to another</p> <p>19 person assigned to work on it with me.</p> <p>20 At this time I was told although their drainage</p> <p>21 experts recommended the twenty-foot basin, Rover would not</p> <p>22 approve this change to the plans. After many more hours of</p> <p>23 phone calls and emails, Land Stewards worked with me to</p> <p>24 present plans to Rover that appeared to be acceptable to</p> <p>25 both myself and Land Stewards noting that they were</p>

PM1-22 See the response to comment CO14-2 regarding the drain tile plans. The commentor’s statement regarding difficulties in working with Rover is noted.

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1 reasonable and economically sound. However, Rover has yet
2 to approve any of those plans. However, Rover did
3 immediately reject one of the plans as being too expensive.
4 Now even though this plan is approved by Land Stewards and
5 the pricing was within reasonability according to Land
6 Stewards, Rover rejected that plan. After they rejected it,
7 I contacted Land Stewards and asked them to have Rover
8 contact me or Land Stewards to provide some options that we
9 can use to -- in the current mediation, however this is
10 several months ago and I have still heard nothing from
11 Rover.
12 As I pointed out earlier trenching, excavating
13 and any work of land can only be done under proper soil
14 conditions. This also holds true for installing and
15 modifying drainage tile. Last fall provided almost three
16 months of perfect weather conditions and soil conditions to
17 have provided some of this pre-pipeline work that is
18 required. However, I made multiple attempts to contact
19 Rover through Land Stewards to get approval on the plans,
20 and they would not approve any of these. It would have been
21 very nice to have this three month window to get those
22 changes made.
23 Again, I think this goes to show Rover's complete
24 disregard for the environmental impacts that they are going
25 to have by putting in this pipeline. We are trying to work

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1 with Rover to reduce the negative impacts, the environmental
2 impacts that you are going to see but again Rover refuses to
3 work with us. I ask FERC to require Rover to comply with
4 the tile remediation plans that are provided by their
5 consultants and landowners in agreement and also I do thank
6 FERC for recommending local drainage contractors to be
7 available to put this in and I ask that they continue to
8 keep that in the EIS statement.

9 In addition, I think it is vital that FERC
10 require Rover to approve these plans and provide a
11 reasonable amount of time and proper soil conditions to
12 perform the pre-pipeline tile mitigation. It is FERC's job
13 to balance public needs with the negative impacts of
14 landowners and other stakeholders of the Project. I've read
15 numerous letters and comments to FERC from those that would
16 be getting a temporary employment lasting one year or less.
17 While I appreciate their desire for work and understand that
18 they are very skilled, I do ask FERC to balance this very
19 short-term benefit with the long-term negative impacts that
20 landowners will face for this and many future generations.

21 In summary, I ask a few things of FERC: ensure
22 that tile plans are approved, adequate time is given for the
23 installation of the tile with proper conditions by local
24 contractors. This is going to allow all three pipeline
25 drains to be corrected prior to Rover beginning construction

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PM1-22 cont'd	<p>1 of the pipeline project. I would also ask that FERC only</p> <p>2 allow those construction activities when ground conditions</p> <p>3 are dry and correct to reduce the compaction and other soil</p> <p>4 damage that's going to occur during pipeline installation.</p> <p>5 I ask FERC to require Rover to address and compensate for</p> <p>6 yield losses and other environmental damage that will last</p> <p>7 decades into the future.</p>
PM1-23	<p>8 I also ask that FERC require Rover to negotiate</p> <p>9 in good faith so that proper terms can be agreed upon to</p> <p>10 reduce the negative environmental impacts of the farmers and</p> <p>11 landowners and their homesteads before they would allow FERC</p> <p>12 to use eminent domain to take that land. Again, I do</p> <p>13 understand if there's some holdouts that they do need</p> <p>14 eminent domain to move the project forward and I do</p> <p>15 understand that, however I think that seventy percent of the</p> <p>16 landowners not agreeing to Rover's demands at this point</p> <p>17 shows that Rover is not negotiating in good faith.</p> <p>18 I would also welcome an opportunity to meet with</p> <p>19 FERC and if appropriate, Rover, on my farm or homestead to</p> <p>20 show them firsthand the significant environmental impacts</p> <p>21 that we face should this project be completed. As I realize</p> <p>22 it is likely that this Project will be moving forward, I do</p> <p>23 ask FERC to perform its duties and require Rover to mitigate</p> <p>24 as much as possible the environmental impacts it will cause</p> <p>25 for landowners. I look forward to working with FERC on</p>

PM1-23 The commentor’s statements regarding good faith negotiations is noted. See the responses to comments CO11-1 and IND79-4 regarding negotiations.

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PM1-23 cont'd	<p>1 solutions to these issues. Thank you for your time this</p> <p>2 evening.</p> <p>3 MR. BOMAN: Thank you Mr. Polasck. Our seventh</p> <p>4 speakers is Jon Rosenberger.</p>
PM1-24	<p>5 MR. ROSENBERGER: My name's Jon Rosenberger. I</p> <p>6 have the honor to serve the Ohio Chapter of the</p> <p>7 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Thank you</p> <p>8 for your time today. I appreciate the opportunity to tell</p> <p>9 you about the importance of the Rover Pipeline Project, for</p> <p>10 Ohio's skilled electrical workers and the economy as a</p> <p>11 whole. The IBEW represents approximately seven hundred and</p> <p>12 fifty thousand active and retired members in the United</p> <p>13 States and Canada with a wide variety of fields including</p> <p>14 utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting,</p> <p>15 manufacturing, railroads and building.</p> <p>16 Given the range and nature of the trades we</p> <p>17 represent it will come as no surprise to this panel that the</p> <p>18 IBEW wholeheartedly supports approval of the Rover Pipeline</p> <p>19 Project. The Rover Pipeline Project is set to deliver a</p> <p>20 major economic stimulus to not only Ohio's economy but to</p> <p>21 the regional and national economies as well. In total, the</p> <p>22 Rover Pipeline Project will invest more than four billion in</p> <p>23 our local economies and create ten thousand jobs for</p> <p>24 regional workers and focus on many of the trades we</p> <p>25 represent.</p>

PM1-24 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 It will also create and maintain other jobs
2 through domestic pipeline component purchases and help
3 further stimulate local economies over the long term as
4 wages are spent in Ohio towns, cities and counties and
5 pipeline tax revenues begin to be generated to support
6 critical public services. In short, the Rover Pipeline
7 Project is exactly the kind of economic stimulus that Ohio
8 needs to finally fully recover from the Great Recession that
9 began in 2008.

10 We strongly urge FERC to approve the Rover
11 Pipeline Project as soon as possible. Thank you again for
12 your time and attention.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Mr. Rosenberger. Our
14 eighth speaker is Tim Behrman.

15 MR. BEHRMAN: Good evening. Thanks for this
16 opportunity. My name's Tim Behrman. I'm a farmer and
17 landowner in Hanover County and we're affected personally
18 with three tracts.

PM1-25

19 One of my first comments is on the issue of
20 property value that the Draft EIS focuses on the "no loss of
21 value". I recently attended a farm real estate auction on
22 March 10th attended by approximately sixty people that had
23 the proposed Rover Pipeline running through it. After about
24 thirty minutes of the auction, a price of forty-two fifty
25 was offered and it did not sell at this time. In the last

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The commentor’s disagreement with our conclusions regarding
property values is noted.

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PM1-25 cont'd	1 week, on the same road approximately seven or eight miles 2 west of this auction, another farm sold. This farm 3 contained the same -- price, but was not affected by the 4 local pipeline. It sold in the seventy-five hundred dollar 5 range. I strongly disagree with the Draft Environmental 6 Impact Statement stating that Rover is not likely to reduce 7 the property values.
PM1-26	8 I also feel that any residents within a thousand 9 feet of a giant double forty-two inch pipeline could very 10 possibly be in a very dangerous zone if any problems should 11 occur. I do believe, as an excavation worker, I think if
PM1-27	12 this pipeline is done it should be a triple lift process. 13 This is because of the different soft structures at 14 different depth and soil fertility variations and soil 15 compaction could also be reduced if this method was used and 16 as a final statement, the number of growing seasons affected 17 by the pipeline -- in 1957, we had a single 20-inch pipeline 18 that was installed on our property which is now considered a 19 crossroads pipeline and to this date the crop differences of 20 heights and yields are still shown as a loss. 21 Thanks for this opportunity. That's it. 22 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Behrman. Our ninth 23 speaker is Edwin Nagel. 24 MR. NAGEL: Good evening. I'm a landowner that 25 will be affected by the proposed E.T. Rover Pipeline

PM1-26 See the response to comment LA3-1 regarding pipeline safety.

PM1-27 See the response to comment CO20-52 regarding the use of triple-ditch construction.

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PM1-28 1 Project. Our farm is located in Section 21 of Ridgeville
2 Township in Henry County, Ohio and this has been owned by
3 our family since 1889. The environmental issues in regard
4 to this Project are many, including drainage tiles on
5 existing farm land, crop production and soil compaction as
6 well as trees and an issue of protected or endangered
7 species such as the Indiana bat.
8 In the case of the proposed pipeline in
9 Ridgefield Township, an organization without any property
10 involved in the pipeline, is causing additional harm in the
11 environment by requesting that E.T. Rover move the pipeline
12 and reroute it away from their property and thus extending
13 the route, linear footage affected and the number of
14 environmental problems as I had mentioned earlier.
15 Northwest State Community College located in Section 28
16 Original Township of Henry County, Ohio has requested of
17 E.T. Rover that the project be moved farther east, more than
18 1320-feet away from their property to allow for a proposed
19 expansion of their facility on land that the college does
20 not currently own. The college currently has sufficient
21 land for any foreseeable expansion and thus no further land
22 is needed for their community college.
23 E.T. Rover has apparently complied with this
24 request as the Project was rerouted in 2014 after the
25 college made the request. This rerouting will result in

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See the response to CO9-2 regarding restoration of drainage tiles.
See the response to comment CO9-1 regarding crop productivity.
See the response to comment FA4-5 regarding soil compaction.
See the response to comment FA4-38 regarding tree clearing.
See the response to comment FA6-2 regarding threatened and
endangered bat species. Rover's reroute between MPs MS 7.6
and MS 8.8 would avoid impacts on 2.9 acres of forested land,
including 1.3 acres of forested wetland, compared to the route
proposed in Rover's February 2015 application. Additionally no
new landowners were impacted by the reroute; however, the
route on the affected landowners' parcels was affected and did
result in additional agricultural impacts. Based on our
assessment of the proposed route, we conclude that the proposed
route is the preferred route.

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PM1-28 cont'd	<div>1 significant additional footage being required for the</div> <div>2 Project, adding to environmental issues for two additional</div> <div>3 landowners that were previously not to have had the project</div> <div>4 run through their property as well as the significant</div> <div>5 injuries for a third landowner that had minimal linear</div> <div>6 footage passing through their parcel before the rerouting</div> <div>7 occurred.</div> <div>8 The proposed pipeline should be constructed with</div> <div>9 as few intrusions on the environment as possible. Safety</div> <div>10 precautions are feasible and available that can be utilized</div> <div>11 in high density areas such as housing units and existing</div> <div>12 education buildings that will still result in completion of</div> <div>13 the Project with the end objective. These practices should</div> <div>14 be put to use in Section 28 of Ridgeville Township of Henry</div> <div>15 County as well as in other places on the proposed route</div> <div>16 wherever possible. Thank you.</div> <div>17 MR. BOWMAN: Okay. Our tenth speaker is Robert</div> <div>18 Wilds.</div>
PM1-29	<div>19 MR. WILDS: Good evening. My name is Robert</div> <div>20 Wilds. I represent the International Brotherhood of</div> <div>21 Engineers. I would like to thank the FERC for the</div> <div>22 opportunity to speak. I would like to talk about a couple</div> <div>23 of things. I like to speak about what I know. I worked the</div> <div>24 first pipeline project in 1986, thirty years I've been</div> <div>25 involved in the industry. I have seen many changes in the</div>

PM1-29 The commentor’s statement regarding mitigation measures to be used are noted. The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 industry through the thirty years, some of the biggest
2 changes have been on the environmental side. The way things
3 are done to be more environmentally friendly.

4 The reason a lot of these changes have come about
5 is because of some of the things some of these farmers have
6 spoken about; thirty, forty, fifty years ago the pipeline
7 was put in and are still seen dropping in their crops. What
8 happens is they work with all the big universities such as
9 Ohio State, such as Penn State, University of Illinois,
10 Nebraska, and they've developed some of the environmental
11 practices which the FERC -- from the studies that these
12 colleges do and agriculture through all the changes. I have
13 seen changes as far as separation of topsoil, --
14 de-compaction after the project is done, before the topsoil
15 is spread and the subsoil is put down, it is being de-tilled
16 on projects I have worked on. It's de-tilled, de-compacts
17 soil and then topsoil is being put down and then it is being
18 de-compacted again.

19 The workers, a lot of them are local workers.
20 Our agreements with the contract when we are doing this --
21 more or less say 50% of the workers are local hire. Some
22 people are Ohioans. A lot of them are my brothers and
23 sisters. They may have farms too, they have property too.
24 They take pride, this is their land. They will take care of
25 the tree -- and be good stewards to the land. As far as

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PM1-29 cont'd	<div>1 temporary jobs, like I said, I've been doing this since</div> <div>2 1986. I've made a thirty-year career of temporary jobs.</div> <div>3 It's not jobs for us; it's careers. It's our career, okay.</div> <div>4 As far as the safety of the pipeline, I've heard</div> <div>5 one gentleman speak about the testing where it applies to</div> <div>6 the service, DOT requires that it is tested 1.5 times of</div> <div>7 natural operating pressure with water, highly tested to test</div> <div>8 the safety of the pipe welds, everything else. I will leave</div> <div>9 it at that. Thank you for your time and I'm in favor of the</div> <div>10 project.</div> <div>11 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, so that's everyone who has</div> <div>12 signed up to speak tonight. If there is anyone else that</div> <div>13 did not sign up at the back table and who would like to</div> <div>14 provide comments for the EIS I would like to extend that</div> <div>15 opportunity to anyone now. Yes, sir. You can come on up.</div> <div>16 Please do speak -- state and spell your name, because I</div> <div>17 don't already have it written down.</div> <div>18 MR. SMITH: Good evening. Steve Smith. You need</div> <div>19 me to spell that?</div> <div>20 (Laughter.)</div> <div>21 MR. SMITH: I'm from Seneca County. With</div> <div>22 approximately twenty-three miles of pipeline, Seneca County</div> <div>23 and our farming operation is little we have approximately</div> <div>PM1-3024 ten percent or thirty miles of it. I understand it's like a</div> <div>25 four billion dollar project and twenty-five percent of the</div>

PM1-30 A discussion of the estimated costs for the Project are provided in section 4.9 of the EIS.

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PM1-30 cont'd	<div>1 cost is payroll, one billion dollars in payroll. That's</div> <div>2 what these gentlemen said. I'm curious if that is in</div> <div>3 minimum-wage jobs. In some of the literature on internet ---</div> <div>4 they expect to buy all easements for the pipeline for one</div> <div>5 hundred million dollars. That's two and a half percent of</div> <div>6 the projected cost of the pipeline. Like I told people,</div> <div>7 this is chump change and they are getting twenty-five</div> <div>8 percent in labor only.</div> <div>9 Now, we had meetings with Rover and some higher</div> <div>10 up people that won't stay at our property because their</div> <div>11 gonna disturb two of the third miles we have. Once that</div> <div>12 was over with, I asked this one gentleman, "I read someplace</div> <div>13 where this pipeline is the biggest project in the State of</div> <div>14 Ohio." He says "Oh yes, it's bigger than Keystone."</div> <div>15 Keystone is one 36-inch pipeline. His next comment was that</div> <div>16 he is pretty proud of, "this is the biggest pipeline project</div> <div>17 in the history of the United States. Nobody has ever buried</div> <div>18 two 42-inch pipelines in this kind of capacity. This is a</div> <div>19 history maker.</div>
PM1-31	<div>20 Now, also I got in some of the end-users, the</div> <div>21 people who will buy this natural gas -- . Then he threw in</div> <div>22 one statement "E.T. Rover reserves the right to remain</div> <div>23 financially viable in this pipeline." In other words, if</div> <div>24 this thing costs them more money to build than they expect,</div> <div>25 they pass it on. They can't lose. Keep in mind. They plan</div>

PM1-31 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding easement negotiations.

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PMI-31 cont'd	<div>1 one hundred million dollars so they can buy all the</div> <div>2 easements. That's in their literature. Two and a half</div> <div>3 percent of the full projected price and the landowners are</div> <div>4 the only ones here that are going to end up with a mess. No</div> <div>5 matter what happens. Nobody else has nothing to lose and</div> <div>6 everything to gain. Two and a half percent. That's what</div> <div>7 they think of us landowners.</div>
PMI-32	<div>8 Now we farm along the Sandusky River. They come</div> <div>9 in here they had some borings inside the Sandusky River.</div> <div>10 Our side is about fifty feet higher than the east side. Why</div> <div>11 they are going to this spot, I don't know. It's six hundred</div> <div>12 feet away. They emptied out 135-feet. And sort of muddy</div> <div>13 when they're done, I think they poured a little concrete</div> <div>14 that they stand around this boring machine. And there are</div> <div>15 easements -- to say about 4-inches and over to pick up the</div> <div>16 stones. I've got about six pounds of concrete left behind.</div>
PMI-33	<div>17 Then, when they'd done their walkthrough land survey one of</div> <div>18 the gentleman was smoking a cigarette and threw the</div> <div>19 cigarette butt beside a tree, went up like a chimney. The</div> <div>20 fire department, they had to come and put it out.</div> <div>21 They haven't removed one shovel-full of dirt yet.</div> <div>22 They found it burned down to the roots. Does Rover have any</div> <div>23 intentions of honoring this? Or will they do the least they</div> <div>24 can? That's what we worry about. We like our land, we</div>
PMI-34	<div>25 think it's pretty modest. -- We watched some of these tiles</div>

PMI-32 The commentor’s statement regarding discarded concrete is noted. See the response to comment IND120-1 regarding the landowner helpline.

PMI-33 The commentor’s statement regarding discarded cigarettes is noted. See the response to comment IND120-1 regarding the landowner helpline.

PMI-34 The commentor’s statements regarding lack of communication with Rover is noted. As part of Rover’s application submittal, as well subsequent updates, Rover has provided HDD Plans for each HDD location, including information on the location of entry and exit sites. The HDD entry site would be located on the east side of the river, while the exit pit would be on the west side.

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PM1-34 cont'd	<p>1 this year. We figure they will cut 250 to 300 squares of</p> <p>2 tile, twice. We want to try to get it rerouted before</p> <p>3 spring plantings. Basically, you haven't got an</p> <p>4 easement with us you aren't going to do anything. Land</p> <p>5 Stewards are involved in our tiling tracking, too. Like I</p> <p>6 said, how many miles of it because we don't have feet, we've</p> <p>7 got miles of it. As of today, we don't know which side of</p> <p>8 the river the boring machine is going to be standing on.</p> <p>9 That's how low the landowners -- we don't know. We don't</p> <p>10 know what kind of mess we're going to have. We've got</p> <p>11 hardly anyone from H.R. Rover with us and what we do get we</p> <p>12 don't believe. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>13 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you Mr. Smith. Is there</p> <p>14 anyone else at this time? No? Yes.</p>
PM1-35	<p>15 MS. JENKINS: Hi. I'm Kerissa Jenkins,</p> <p>16 K-E-R-I-S-S-A; last name Jenkins J-E-N-K-I-N-S and I want to</p> <p>17 comment on contamination in our community based upon the</p> <p>18 cigarette. Jobs I have worked on, we carry bags on every</p> <p>19 job site, they are on every rowing rig which is in each job</p> <p>20 with water on it or any company vehicle. All trash from</p> <p>21 lunch, to gum wrappers to cigarette butts, it's picked up</p> <p>22 and put in a container and if it's not, someone on the job</p> <p>23 you're working with, that I've been aware of and have worked</p> <p>24 with has to pick that cigarette butt up and put it in the</p> <p>25 bag.</p>

PM1-35 The commentor’s statement regarding disposal of trash is noted.
The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 We take pride in our work and when we leave a job
2 we want people to have a positive impact and not a negative
3 impact. When I joined this Union, that's because I took
4 pride in my work, the quality of work I have in the job.
5 The comment of the pay scale of the people who are employed
6 in this job, this project, men and women who work on this
7 job, they are qualified. They have to go through tests. If
8 they came from the gas company, if they failed a test, their
9 families, their food, their livelihood is in jeopardy. This
10 money is not guaranteed. It is short-term, not long-term.
11 They may work for six months and maybe not depending on
12 projects in the area. That also needs to be taken into
13 consideration.

14 They do have families just like the men and women
15 here today, so they may receive a really good pay scale on
16 this job but just remember that money's not long-term and
17 they work very, very hard. Sometimes driving not seeing
18 their families for days -- they drive, working -- I know I
19 worked at one point in time seventy hours, eighty hours a
20 week which I know many farmers go through that as well.
21 Just take that into consideration when thinking about pay
22 scale because they are qualified, they work really hard at
23 their job and they deserve those scales. Thank you.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. Anyone else? Okay,
25 well, if there is not anyone else that would like to provide

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1 comments at this time, the formal part of tonight's meeting
2 will close. Before we end the meeting, I'll quickly mention
3 the FERC website. If you type in the lead project docket
4 number for these projects, which is CP15-93 at the e-library
5 link on the FERC webpage at FERC.GOV you can find everything
6 related to this project, copies of the Draft Environmental
7 Impact Statement, transcripts of this meeting will
8 eventually be posted on the website there and you can also
9 find any filings submitted by the applicant on the website
10 as well.

11 So on behalf of the FERC, thank you for coming
12 here tonight and filing comments on the draft EIS. Let the
13 record show that the comment meeting at Hamler, Ohio ended
14 at 7:01p.m. Thank you for coming.

15 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00
16 p.m.)

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4 IN THE MATTER OF: : Project No.
5 ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT : CP15-93-000
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9 Fayette High School
10 400 Gamble Road
11 Fayette, Ohio 43521
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14 Tuesday, March 22, 2016
15 The above-entitled matter came on for Scoping
16 Meeting, pursuant to notice, at 6:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman, the
17 moderator.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (6:03 p.m.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Good evening everyone. I think we
4 will go ahead and get started now. On behalf of the Federal
5 Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC, I would like to
6 welcome all of you here tonight. I would like to welcome
7 you to the comment meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact
8 Statement or DEIS for the Rover Pipeline and Trunkline and
9 Panhandle Backhaul Projects. Let the record show that the
10 DEIS comment meeting began at 6:03 p.m. on March 22, 2016 in
11 Fayette, Ohio.

12 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am an Environmental
13 Project Manager with the FERC's Office of Energy Project,
14 which is a division of FERC. To my right is Kim Sechrist,
15 who is also with the FERC. Also representing FERC tonight
16 at the sign-in table who you may have also met on your way
17 in is Christine Allen, Oliver Pahl and Jon Hess. You will
18 note that we have a court reporter here tonight so that we
19 can transcribe this meeting and have an accurate record of
20 it tonight. So if you would like a copy of that transcript
21 you can make arrangements with the court reporter after this
22 meeting.

23 In February of 2015, Rover Pipeline LLC,
24 Trunkline Gas Company LLC and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline
25 Company filed applications under Section 7 of the Natural

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1 Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas
2 pipeline facilities. Rover's Project would consist of the
3 installation of about 500 miles of variable-diameter and
4 some dual-natural gas pipeline in West Virginia,
5 Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio as well as ten new
6 compressor stations. Panhandle and Trunkline Projects would
7 involve modifications to the existing facilities to allow
8 Rover gas into existing pipeline systems.

9 The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to
10 allow you all an opportunity to provide specific comments on
11 FERC's Environmental Impact Statement. It will help us the
12 most if your comments are as specific as possible regarding
13 the proposed project and the analysis contained in the
14 FERC's Draft EIS.

15 So I would like to clarify that these projects
16 are not projects being proposed by the FERC. They are
17 projects proposed by Rover and its affiliates. Rather, FERC
18 is the federal agency that is responsible for reviewing
19 these and evaluating these natural gas facilities. As FERC
20 Staff has stated throughout this process, FERC Staff members
21 are not advocates for these projects, rather FERC
22 Environmental Staff members are advocates for the FERC
23 Environmental Review Process.

24 Throughout this review, we have assembled
25 information from a variety of sources that have included the

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1 applicants, the public, other state, local and federal
2 agencies and our own independent analysis and field work.
3 We've analyzed this information and prepared a Draft EIS
4 that distributed to the public for public comment. A
5 notice of availability of the Draft EIS was issued on
6 February 19th of this year.

7 Throughout our review, we engaged with several
8 other Federal and State agencies who participated as what we
9 would call "cooperating agencies", assisted us in our review
10 of this Project. I would like to thank those cooperating
11 agencies for their continued assistance in our review of
12 this Project. So we are nearing the end of
13 the 45-day comment period with the Draft Environmental
14 Impact Statement and this comment period ends on April 11,
15 2016. All comments that we receive, whether they be written
16 or spoken will be addressed in the first pass Final
17 Environmental Impact Statement. I encourage you, if you
18 plan to send comments and have not, please do so here today
19 either verbally during the comment portion of tonight's
20 meeting or by using one of the written forms in the side
21 table when you came in today.

22 You can also submit comments using the procedures
23 outlined in the FERC's Notice of Availability of the Draft
24 EIS which includes instructions on how to submit your
25 comments to FERC online. All comments will be considered

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1 with equal weight regardless of whether they are provided
2 verbally during tonight's meeting or submitted in writing.
3 If you did receive a copy of the Draft EIS in the mail,
4 whether it be a CD or paper copy, you will automatically
5 receive a copy of a final EIS so if you did not get a copy
6 of the Draft EIS please do let us know and we will make sure
7 to get your name and address and send you a copy of the
8 final Environmental Impact Statement.

9 Finally, I would like to state that neither the
10 draft nor the final EIS are decision-making documents. In
11 other words, once they are issued, those documents do not
12 determine whether or not the Project is approved. Rather,
13 FERC Commissioners, who are five, presidentially-appointed
14 members; presidentially appointed and confirmed by the
15 Senate, those are the people that make the final decision on
16 whether or not a project moves forward.

17 The FERC Commissioners consider environmental
18 impacts along with a host of other non-environmental
19 information such as markets, rates and need for whether a
20 project moves forward. So that will be my brief overview of
21 the FERC role so with that we will move on to the part of
22 the meeting where we take verbal comments. If you do not
23 intend to speak tonight, or you don't get to say everything
24 you wanted or you think of something you'd like to bring up
25 later, you can hand in written comments or send them in to

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	1	us using the comment forms at the table again.
	2	With that, I have four people signed up so far so
	3	the first person is Ryan Augsburger.
PM2-1	4	MR. AUGSBURGER: Good evening. I appreciate the
	5	opportunity to speak with you today about the proposed Rover
	6	Pipeline Project. My name is Ryan Augsburger and I am the
	7	Vice President and Managing Director of Public Policy
	8	Services of the Ohio Manufacturers Association. My
	9	testimony is on behalf of the OMA.
	10	Access to reliable, affordable energy is a
	11	competitive issue for Ohio Manufacturers. Combined with
	12	electricity the price of energy has a significant impact on
	13	manufacturers' bottom lines. While Ohio Manufacturers have
	14	made many investments to use energy efficiently, natural gas
	15	is a major cost for energy intensive manufacturers. It has
	16	also proven to be the most volatile. Before the shale gas
	17	increase in the domestic supply of natural gas, there were
	18	moments where the high price of natural gas threatened the
	19	survival of some businesses.
	20	The OMA represents over fourteen hundred
	21	manufacturing companies all across this state. Ohio
	22	manufacturers manufacture every product you can think of
	23	ranging from automotive components, medical equipment to
	24	frozen pizza rolls. In aggregate, Ohio ranks one of the top
	25	few states for manufacturing. The economic output for

PM2-1 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 manufacturing in 2013 reached one hundred billion dollars
2 from eighty-seven billion dollars just a year earlier in
3 2012.
4 Investments in new production are underway that
5 will drive that figure even higher in subsequent years.
6 Manufacturing productivity is a competitive advantage to
7 Ohio's economy, manufacturers in Ohio excel in both product
8 and process innovation. Investments underway in plants
9 across the state will improve productivity while saving
10 energy minimizing waste and reducing environmental
11 emissions.
12 Ohio competes with other states for manufacturing
13 investment, energy policy and energy infrastructure are both
14 important considerations when companies make investment
15 decisions. The OMA has a longstanding position of support
16 for a modernized energy infrastructure to maximize energy
17 supplies and stabilize energy pricing and reliability.
18 Additionally, the construction of a natural gas pipeline
19 from the Marcellus and Utica Shale formation will increase
20 access to gas as a feedstock as you know gas is not just a
21 source of energy it's also a raw material utilized in many
22 manufacturing processes such as chemicals, polymers, and
23 fertilizer among others.
24 Finally construction and operation of a pipeline
25 will afford manufacturers from the region with expanded

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PM2-1 cont'd	<p>1 market opportunity to bid to supply needed parts, materials</p> <p>2 and technologies. These will all serve to protect and grow</p> <p>3 Ohio manufacturing. Just as energy policy is important for</p> <p>4 Ohio's competitiveness. So too is sustainable environmental</p> <p>5 regulation.</p> <p>6 Manufacturers understand that fair and reasonable</p> <p>7 regulations on business must be balanced with responsible</p> <p>8 stewardship of our natural resources. I have reviewed</p> <p>9 Rover's Draft Environmental Impact Statement and noted the</p> <p>10 developer's commitment to environmental mitigation.</p> <p>11 In closing, the Rover Pipeline stands to benefit</p> <p>12 manufacturing in Ohio and throughout the Midwest. Therefore</p> <p>13 the Ohio Manufacturers' Association encourages the Federal</p> <p>14 Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the Rover Pipeline</p> <p>15 Project. Thank you.</p> <p>16 MR. BOWMAN: Our second speaker tonight is John</p> <p>17 Hudson.</p>
PM2-2	<p>18 MR. HUDSON: Thank you. My name is John Hudson.</p> <p>19 I represent the Teamsters for the State of Ohio. I came</p> <p>20 here tonight to assure the public here that this pipeline</p> <p>21 will be one of the safest, most environmental-friendly</p> <p>22 pipelines we ever met. We as a Union put on training</p> <p>23 schools to make things safer, we put on training schools for</p> <p>24 environmental protection, etc, etc. We have already been</p> <p>25 here putting on a multitude of schools to address both</p>

PM2-2 The commentor’s statements regarding the training and experience of workers is noted. The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 problems, safety and environmental.
2 We try to look at this like "it's my land"
3 because if a pipeline came across my land, I would want
4 certain things to be done. It's no different with our
5 contractors. Energy Transfer Partners, some of the things
6 that they look at when they let the bids are safety records
7 and environmental records. If you want, if you're sick --
8 you go to the doctor. If you need legal advice -- you go to
9 a lawyer. If you want to build a pipeline you come to us
10 because that's what we specialize in. We specialize
11 in building pipelines and putting it back. I crossed some
12 things today where the only way you would know if the
13 pipeline was there was because of the mile-marker. When
14 this thing is done six months from now I don't think anybody
15 will be able to tell you where it went because the grass
16 will be back, your dirt will be back in the same place; etc,
17 etc.
18 Again, we have the most trained, professional,
19 safe workforce in the world, our Union contractors. That's
20 what we do for a living and we know to get these jobs and to
21 do these jobs we have to be safe and we have to know all of
22 the environmental rules and regulations. If we don't, we
23 don't work. So I urge you to do this. This means a
24 multitude of jobs. It means taxes for the communities when
25 we're gone. There are so many good benefits that outweigh

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PM2-2 cont'd	<div>1 the bad that I could set her all night and talk about it.</div> <div>2 But I appreciate your time, thank you very much.</div> <div>3 MR. BOWMAN: Our third speaker tonight is Charles</div> <div>4 Yates.</div>
PM2-3	<div>5 MR. YATES: Good evening. I'm Charles Yates. I</div> <div>6 represent the United Association. I'm a business agent for</div> <div>7 the states of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. I am an Ohioan, I</div> <div>8 own property in Ohio. I own a farm in Ohio. I would have</div> <div>9 no reservations of a pipeline crossing my property. A</div> <div>10 pipeline already does cross my property and I can't tell</div> <div>11 it's there. The pipelines we lay today are different than</div> <div>12 the pipelines we laid years ago.</div> <div>13 But anyways, I would like to thank you FERC for</div> <div>14 allowing me to speak tonight. I along with the entire</div> <div>15 United Association would like to express strong support of</div> <div>16 the construction of the Rover Pipeline. The Rover Pipeline</div> <div>17 route was specifically designed to preserve the health and</div> <div>18 magnificence of the surrounding environments and to ensure</div> <div>19 minimal destruction to landowners and those in the</div> <div>20 community. In addition to proposing the most</div> <div>21 ecological-friendly route, our skilled workers will operate</div> <div>22 under some of the most innovative engineering in its</div> <div>23 construction practices to prevent as little impact on the</div> <div>24 environment as possible.</div> <div>25 I can honestly say from a safety standpoint,</div>

PM2-3 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 Energy Transfer is one of the safest operators in our
2 country today. I appreciate that they have committed to use
3 100 percent union labor to build this pipeline. The Rover
4 Pipeline stands to benefit Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan
5 regions as a whole in a variety of ways. The creation of
6 the construction jobs for local workers increase demands for
7 goods and services along the pipeline route and ultimately
8 access to an affordable, safe and domestic source of energy.

9 We need the Rover and I'm asking FERC to finish
10 its review and get this Project approved. Thank you.

11 MR. BOWMAN: Our fourth Speaker tonight is Terry
12 Langley.

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13 MR. LANGLEY: Good evening. Thank you for the
14 opportunity to speak. My name is Terry Langley and I
15 represent the Welders that will be working on the Project
16 and we would like to urge FERC to complete this review of
17 the Rover Pipeline in a timely manner. The United
18 Association shares the same goals as the FERC to preserve
19 the environment and its beauty. Any agriculture area which
20 is restored according to the agriculture impact mitigation
21 plan and landowner requirements which means that all soil
22 will be placed back in the ditch as they were taken out.
23 The soil will be de-compacted and native vegetation will
24 cover and will be applied to the disturbed portion of the
25 right-of-way.

PM2-4

The commentor's support for the Project is noted.

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1 These delays only serve to prevent access to the
2 bountiful sources of energy and produce uncertainty about
3 America's energy future. This project is estimated to
4 deliver many economic benefits of the region of Ohio,
5 Michigan and Virginia such as ten thousand construction jobs
6 and a multitude of additional jobs hanging in the balance
7 and an estimated thirty-two million in state property and
8 sales tax revenue.
9 If we did not build the Rover Pipeline we would
10 be doing ourselves an injustice. I am asking that FERC
11 complete its review so that we can begin work on this
12 prosperous project. Thank you for your time.

PM2-5

13 MR. BOWMAN: Our fifth speaker is Robert Wilds.
14 MR. WILDS: Good evening. My name is Robert
15 Wilds. I represent the Operating Engineers. I would like
16 to thank FERC for this opportunity to speak tonight. I am
17 in support and my organization is in support of the Rover
18 Pipeline. To transport a product, the pipeline is the
19 safest, most environmentally friendly way to do that. Rover
20 has committed to using union labor. In our training program
21 we stress environmental, we stress safety.
22 How do I know this? I was an instructor for ten
23 training seasons in the National Pipeline Training Fund
24 Program, which is a joint venture between the Operating
25 Engineers and the Pipeline Contractors Association which is

PM2-5 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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PM2-5 cont'd	<div>1 the contractors that are going to be doing the Rover that</div> <div>2 Rover has chosen to do this Project.</div> <div>3 Safety, when I say safety I don't only mean</div> <div>4 safety of the workers, I talk about safety of the general</div> <div>5 public. Proper procedures to maintain the integrity of the</div> <div>6 pipeline so it will not have blowouts, protect the coating</div> <div>7 of the pipe, protect the integrity of the pipeline which is</div> <div>8 the life of the pipeline and has to do with the safety of</div> <div>9 the general public. I will keep my comments short tonight.</div> <div>10 Thank you for the opportunity to speak.</div> <div>11 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, so that's everyone who signed</div> <div>12 up to speak tonight. If there is anyone who did not sign up</div> <div>13 to speak but would like to provide verbal comments I would</div> <div>14 like to offer that opportunity to anyone who wishes to do so</div> <div>15 now. And if I could, could I have you state and spell your</div> <div>16 name for the record.</div>
PM2-6	<div>17 MR. WHITE: My name is Jonathon White,</div> <div>18 J-O-N-A-T-H-O-N W-H-I-T-E. I represent the Laborers</div> <div>19 International Union of North America Members. Good evening.</div> <div>20 Thank you for the opportunity to present my support for the</div> <div>21 Rover Pipeline Project. I'm testifying tonight as one of</div> <div>22 many individuals that stands to be employed to help build</div> <div>23 the Rover Pipeline. As a member of the UA I am proud to</div> <div>24 stand with my fellow members in support of the project.</div> <div>25 Our union has a long history of applying the</div>

PM2-6 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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PM2-6 cont'd	<p>1 highest standards of safety and efficiency in completing</p> <p>2 projects of this nature. In a testament to this track</p> <p>3 record, Rover has committed to using Union laborers</p> <p>4 throughout the construction process. Which everybody knows,</p> <p>5 we are the best trained in the industry. This includes the</p> <p>6 on-job training skills as well as continuing education on</p> <p>7 new equipment and techniques.</p> <p>8 I would like to take this moment at this time to</p> <p>9 address some of the more frequently discussed environmental</p> <p>10 issues that were brought up in the Draft Environmental</p> <p>11 Impact Statement on the Rover Pipeline Project. Water is a</p> <p>12 key issue in the state. As a lifelong resident of Ohio, I</p> <p>13 would not work or as much as support a project that might</p> <p>14 adversely affect our natural resources. Rover has</p> <p>15 acknowledged these areas of concern and has come up with a</p> <p>16 comprehensive plan to ensure minimal impact of our rivers</p> <p>17 and lakes.</p>
PM2-7	<p>18 I take issue with the FERC recommendations to</p> <p>19 require dry-ditch water-board water-body crossing. Of course</p> <p>20 this method will be used when appropriate in sensitive</p> <p>21 areas. However, standard crossings will be undertaken with</p> <p>22 the utmost care and attention and should not adversely</p> <p>23 impact waterways. Dry-ditch crossing is more expensive,</p> <p>24 takes more time and can ultimately present a greater risk to</p> <p>25 the waterways than standard methods.</p>

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The commentor’s statement regarding dry-ditch crossings is noted. A discussion of dry-ditch crossings and our recommendation can be found in section 4.3 of the EIS. The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 With regards to the land restoration, Rover has
2 partnered with independent contractors such as Land Stewards
3 LLC to target potential areas of concern and develop
4 site-specific mitigation plans. Rover will employ a variety
5 of techniques to ensure minimal soil disturbance with
6 measures like soil separation, erosion, sedimentation control,
7 route silt fence, trenchbreakers and mulch and minimal
8 construction activities during prolonged rainfalls to
9 prevent compaction. Our farmers should rest assured that
10 their fields will remain fertile for years to come thanks to
11 Rover's acute attention to details.

12 In conclusion, I would argue that the Draft
13 Environmental Impact Statement, a document hundreds of pages
14 in length stands as proof to the amount of preparation that
15 Rover has done for this Project. This DEIS recommends that
16 fore-planning and mitigation that Rover has done to date.
17 We stand ready to ensure that all of this planning is
18 carried out in a thorough manner.

19 For this reason, I encourage the Federal Energy
20 Regulatory Commission to undertake an expedient review
21 process moving forward. The Rover Pipeline Project stands
22 to bring about a great many benefits to this region in an
23 effective and environmentally responsible way. Thank you.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Is there anyone else that would like
25 to provide verbal comments at this time?

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1 (No response.)

2 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, so if there is no one else
3 that would like to provide verbal comments, the formal part
4 of tonight's meeting will close. Before we go I'll mention
5 that within the FERC website we have a service called
6 e-library and if you type in the project docket numbers for
7 all three of these projects you can access all of that
8 information that is associated with Rover's project and its
9 affiliate projects.

10 Those three docket numbers are CP15-93, CP15-94
11 and CP15-96. The very first number of 15-93 is the lead
12 docket for these Rover Pipeline Projects. You can gain
13 everything associated with the projects, all the filing
14 submitted by Rover, all of the comments and issuances by the
15 FERC. So on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
16 Commission I would like to thank you all for coming tonight.
17 Let the record show that this Draft EIS comment meeting
18 concluded at 6:27p.m. Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27
20 p.m.)

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4 IN THE MATTER OF: : Project No.
5 ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT : CP15-93-000
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9 Chelsea High School
10 740 N. Freer Road
11 Chelsea, Michigan 48118
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14 Wednesday, March 23, 2016
15 The above-entitled matter came on for Scoping
16 Meeting, pursuant to notice, at 6:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman, the
17 moderator.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (6:06 p.m.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Okay evening everyone. I think we
4 are going to go ahead and get started so if I could have
5 everyone's attention and if everyone could grab a seat.
6 Good evening, everyone. On behalf of the Federal Energy
7 Regulatory Commission or FERC, I would like to welcome all
8 of you here tonight to the public comment meeting on the
9 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rover Pipeline
10 and Trunkline and Panhandle Backhaul Projects. Let the
11 record show that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or
12 DEIS comment meeting began at 6:06 p.m. on March 23, 2016 in
13 Chelsea, MI.

14 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am an Environmental
15 Project Manager with the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.
16 Also to my right is Christine Allen, representing FERC and
17 also at the sign-in table who you may have met on the way in
18 tonight is Kim Sechrist, Oliver Pahl and Jon Hess. You will
19 note that we have arranged for a court reporter to
20 transcribe this meeting so we have an accurate record of the
21 meeting. So if you would like a copy of that transcript you
22 can make arrangements with the court reporter after this
23 meeting.

24 In February of 2015, Rover Pipeline LLC,
25 Trunkline Gas Company LLC and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline

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1 Company filed applications under Section 7 of the Natural
2 Gas Act to construct and operate certain interstate natural
3 gas pipeline facilities. Rover's Project would consist of
4 the installation of about 500 miles of variable and some
5 dual diameter natural gas pipeline in West Virginia,
6 Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio as well as ten new
7 compressor stations. Panhandle and Trunkline's Projects
8 would involve modifications to the existing facilities to
9 allow Rover to deliver their natural gas into other existing
10 pipeline systems.

11 The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to
12 give you an opportunity to provide specific comments on the
13 draft Environmental Impact Statement that was prepared by
14 FERC's Staff on these three projects. It will help us the
15 most if your comments are as specific as possible regarding
16 these proposed projects and the FERC's Draft Environmental
17 Impact Statement. So I would like to clarify
18 that these projects are not projects being proposed by the
19 FERC. Rather, they are being proposed by Rover and its
20 affiliates. FERC is the federal agency that is responsible
21 for evaluating applications to construct and operate these
22 natural gas pipeline facilities. Therefore, FERC's not an
23 advocate for the Project, instead FERC particularly the
24 environmental staff here tonight we are advocates for the
25 Environmental Review Process.

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1 So during our review of this Project, we have
2 assembled information from a variety of sources and this has
3 included the applicants, the public, other state, local and
4 federal agencies and our own independent analysis and field
5 work. We've analyzed this information and prepared a Draft
6 EIS that was distributed to the public for comment. A
7 notice of availability of the Draft EIS was issued on
8 February 19, 2016.

9 Along with FERC Staff, this document was prepared
10 with several help from additional Federal and State agencies
11 and those included the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the
12 Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
13 Service, Ohio EPA and West Virginia Department of
14 Environmental Protection. Those agencies participated as
15 "cooperating agencies", in our review of this Project. I
16 would like to thank them for their continued assistance.

17 So we are getting close to the end of the 45-day
18 comment period of the Draft EIS and that comment period ends
19 April 11, 2016. All comments received, whether they be
20 written or spoken will be addressed in FERC's Final
21 Environmental Impact Statement. I encourage you, if you
22 plan to submit comments and have not, please do so here
23 tonight using one of the written forms in the back of the
24 room or verbally during the comment portion of tonight's
25 meeting.

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1 You can also submit comments using the procedures
2 outlined in the FERC's Notice of Availability of the Draft
3 EIS which includes instructions on how to file comments
4 online on FERC's website. Your comments will be considered
5 by FERC with equal weight regardless of whether they are
6 provided verbally tonight or in writing. If you receive a
7 copy of the Draft EIS in the paper or CD format, you will
8 automatically receive a copy of a final Environmental Impact
9 Statement. If you did not get a copy of the Draft EIS and
10 would like to get a copy of the final, please do leave your
11 name and address with us at the sign in table so we can make
12 sure you get a copy of the final EIS.

13 I would like to mention that neither the draft
14 nor the final EIS are decision-making documents. In other
15 words, once they are issued, they do not determine whether
16 or not the Project is approved. I want to differentiate the
17 roles of different staff at FERC. Myself and the other
18 environmental staff here at FERC oversee the preparation of
19 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and final EIS. We
20 do not determine whether or not the Project moves forward.
21 Instead, the FERC Commissioners, who are five,
22 Presidentially-appointed Presidential nominees who are
23 confirmed by the Senate are the ones who are responsible for
24 making the decision on whether the project moves forward.

25 So in the Commissioners decision-making process,

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1 they will consider environmental information in the final
2 EIS, public comments along with a host of other
3 non-environmental information such as engineering, markets
4 and rates in making its ultimate decision on whether to move
5 forward with this Project. Only after taking into
6 consideration all the environmental and non-environmental
7 information will they consider their final decision on the
8 projects.

9 If the Commission does approve the Project and
10 issues a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to
11 the applicants, each of the applicants will be required to
12 meet certain conditions outlined in that certificate. If
13 so, FERC Environmental staff would monitor the projects
14 through the construction and restoration, forming daily
15 onsite inspections to document environmental compliance with
16 applicable laws and regulations, the applicant's plans and
17 mitigation measures and any other conditions imposed upon
18 the applicants by the FERC's certificate.

19 So that's the quick overview of the FERC role in
20 the process and we will move on to the part of the meeting
21 where we take verbal comments from members here tonight. I
22 will mention that if you don't speak tonight, or you don't
23 get to say everything you wanted you can still hand in
24 written comments summarizing the points that you didn't get
25 to say tonight or anything additional that you would like to

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1 bring up to FERC.

2 This meeting again is being recorded by a court
3 reporter so your comments will be accurately transcribed and
4 placed into the FERC record. I will start by calling
5 individual speakers to come up to the lectern and present
6 their verbal comments tonight, so please do speak clearly
7 into the microphone so that the court reporter can
8 accurately capture your comments.

9 My number one rule for this meeting is please do
10 show respect to the speaker that is up at the podium
11 regardless of whether or not you agree with their comments.
12 So far we have about twenty-eight speakers signed up
13 tonight. We do have this facility until 10:00p.m., so I
14 would suggest that trying to keep your comments to about
15 five minutes would be ideal for allowing everyone within
16 appropriate time to speak tonight.

17 So our first speaker tonight is Amanda Sumerix.

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18 MS. SUMERIX: Good evening and thank you for
19 providing the opportunity to provide input on the Rover
20 Pipeline Project. My name is Amanda A-M-A-N-D-A Sumerix
21 S-U-M-E-R-I-X and I serve as the Communications Director at
22 the Michigan Forest Products Council. MFPC represents the
23 state's entire forest product industry value chain. Our aim
24 is to promote, protect and sustain Michigan's forest
25 products economy.

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The commentor's statement approving of Rover's mitigation measures is noted.

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1 Wood products account for nearly 17.8 billion in
2 annual economic activity to the State of Michigan. From
3 lumber, tissue, packaging and paper to flooring,
4 biochemicals, furniture and cellulose, trees played some
5 sort of role in their making. Our industry sustains 87,000
6 Michigan jobs and accounts for 518,000,000 in value-added
7 international exports. There are over one thousand two
8 hundred forest product companies that operate facilities
9 across the state.
10 Clearly MFPC has a vested interest in Michigan's
11 environment. After reviewing the Rover Pipeline's Draft
12 Environmental Impact Statement we were impressed by the
13 steps that Rover has taken to mitigate its environmental
14 impact. I believe that Rover has sufficiently addressed the
15 Commission's requirements. The sheer length and detail
16 included in the DEIS is a testament to the amount of
17 planning that Rover has completed to date.

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18 With that said, I have some concerns with FERC's
19 insistence on a three-foot maximum for tree clearings for
20 construction. This is an impractical limit and strikes me
21 as as atypical for construction activities. More
22 importantly, it poses a risk to the safety of workers and
23 our forests at large. I urge FERC to adopt a ten-foot
24 standard, more than three feet is needed to access and
25 operate construction equipment. Trees and shrubs that are

PM3-2

We assume the commentor is referring to the recommendation in section 4.4.3 limiting clearing between HDD entry and exit sites to minor brush clearing less than 3 feet wide. This recommendation applies solely to clearing between HDD entry and exit pits. For all other locations where the right-of-way is within forested land, Rover would adhere to the right-of-way widths listed in table 2.2.1-2, unless otherwise specified by the FERC.

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1 located within 15-feet of the pipeline centerlines that have
2 roots that could compromise the integrity of the pipeline
3 coating.

4 Ultimately, in our estimation, the difference
5 between a three-foot clearing and a ten-foot clearing should
6 not have a substantial impact on Michigan's forests and
7 would actually create a safer buffer for construction and
8 operation of the pipeline within our wooded areas. Lastly,
9 I would draw the Commission's attention to the many economic
10 benefits that would stem from construction of the Rover

11 Pipeline Project. MFPC's member organizations require a
12 significant amount of energy in order to process timber and
13 manufacture the everyday products used across the country.

14 The Rover Pipeline would meet that demand with a
15 supply of clean, affordable and domestically produced
16 natural gas. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak
17 this evening. I hope I have conveyed the ways in which
18 Rover has addressed environmental concerns and I encourage
19 the Commission to proceed with its review of the project.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. BOWMAN: Our second speaker tonight will be
22 Frank Zaski.

23 MR. ZASKI: That's right. Frank Zaski, Franklin,
24 Michigan. I have a lot of comments, they may not seem like
25 they are directly related to the EIS but in the end I will

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PM3-3 1 pull them together and they will be. For the final EIS,
2 FERC must ask more questions and do more research with the
3 numbers. Primarily the current market statistics,
4 forecasts, a more thorough analysis of alternatives to
5 Rover, the ability of 35% Rover owner Travers Midstream,
6 which owns 35% of Rover, their financial ability. They
7 added many of the shippers, drillers to meet their
8 commitments.

PM3-4 9 Regarding the market statistics the Draft EIS
10 references the Michigan 21st Century Engine Plan. I was on
11 the 21st Century Engine Plan work group. This report was
12 issued in 2007, written in 2006 with sales forecast from
13 2004 that was 12 years ago. So I hope no one, Rover or FERC
14 actually uses the numbers from this as a reflection of
15 demand for gas in Michigan. It seems like other aspects
16 that in the EIS and Rover appear to be fairly dated or maybe
17 favoring Rover the way they are being used.

PM3-5 18 Here's the latest facts on Michigan. Gas demand
19 in Michigan actually so far this decade through 2015 is
20 actually lower than it was for the same period last decade.
21 Electric usage has diminished and has dropped almost every
22 year for the last 9 years. In our big utilities DTE and CMS
23 which is about 90 percent of our market are forecasting
24 lower electric sales and gas sales in Michigan. Michigan
25 only about 20% of our gas used in Michigan actually goes to

PM3-3 See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding the financial stability of the Project.

PM3-4 As discussed in section 3.1.1, Michigan's 21st Century Electric Energy Plan was used to provide information on energy conservation and energy efficiency in the state of Michigan; particularly support for the integration of renewable resources into the state's energy supplies. It was not used to provide market information for natural gas.

PM3-5 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding the purpose and need of the Project.

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PM3-5 cont'd	<p>1 generate electricity. So you think we're going to go out of</p> <p>2 sight, but you know shutting down coal plants using more gas</p> <p>3 for electricity.</p> <p>4 That's not necessarily the case. It will be used</p> <p>5 more for that but 80% of the users in Michigan, residential,</p> <p>6 commercial and industrial are actually their usage is</p> <p>7 declining for gas. So we are not going out of sight for</p> <p>8 demand for gas. And oh, by the way, the Rover apparently</p> <p>9 doesn't have any customers in Michigan. They were talking</p> <p>10 to CMS but CMS wanted a metering station and things and</p> <p>11 Rover said they weren't going to do it.</p> <p>12 Now, shipping gas through Michigan, because</p> <p>13 there's apparently no customers, shipping it to Chicago</p> <p>14 isn't needed as you know. There are other lines that go to</p> <p>15 Chicago. Rockies Express, Columbia, ANR and others and</p> <p>16 Canada. It seems like the bulk of Rover and even Nexus Gas</p>
PM3-6	<p>17 is destined for Canada just to be shipped through Michigan.</p> <p>18 Canada already receives plenty of gas from the U.S. and</p> <p>19 their own wells.</p>
PM3-7	<p>20 The Ontario Energy Board has stated that</p> <p>21 Marcellus and Utica gas is already flowing to Canada and</p> <p>22 going through pipelines through Michigan and New York,</p> <p>23 particularly around Niagara Falls. Plus pipeline reversals</p> <p>24 and increased gas shipments to Canada are planned from</p> <p>25 Eastern United States. So Canada is getting a lot of gas</p>

- PM3-6

See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding the financial stability of the Project.
- PM3-7

See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need of the Project.

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PM3-7 cont'd	1 already. They don't need the extra gas that would come 2 through Rover or Nexus.
PM3-8	3 Rover is clearly producer-driven. Entero, Range 4 Resources, Chesapeake want to push it somewhere because they 5 have what they call "stranded gas". That's like if I have 6 stranded money in my bank account, do I need to pull it out 7 as soon as possible and use it as soon as possible? That's 8 their opinion of their gas but anyway, they want to ship to 9 Canada. One intention probably would be to ship to the east 10 coast for LNG export. 11 Well, the EIA has reported that market conditions 12 have changed. Market conditions have changed since many LNG 13 export projects in the United States were initially 14 proposed. Proposed LNG terminals in the United States face 15 increased competition. I'd even go on to say Australia is 16 basically tripling their production of LNG export. There 17 are pipelines coming from Iran that's going into Europe. 18 Russia is getting a hold of their share, they are pushing 19 it. 20 So there is a lot of gas, LNG out there and the 21 forty-eight possible LNG plants out there in front of FERC 22 even if you approve them all, very few will be built. In 23 fact, six that are under construction now may have been the 24 only ones. There is another fly in the ointment too is that 25 experts are now reporting that big plans for U.S.

PM3-8

The commentor’s statements regarding LNG export facilities and amount of natural gas in the United States are noted. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need.

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PM3-8 cont'd	<div>1 Petrochemical plants are fading. Many plants have already</div> <div>2 been cancelled and the worldwide glut of oil and natural gas</div> <div>3 products have basically taken away the U.S. advantage cost</div> <div>4 advantage for petrochemical plants. Plus there are already</div> <div>5 eleven existing pipelines transporting Marcellus to Utica</div> <div>6 Gas to the Gulf region.</div>
PM3-9	<div>7 FERC needs to take a broader look at the</div> <div>8 alternatives to Rover. The draft EIS seems to use Rover</div> <div>9 words and superficially just dismisses all of the</div> <div>10 alternatives because of capacity but as noted in my previous</div> <div>11 comments, demand for Rover gas probably won't be there.</div> <div>12 Plus, the dynamics of the market are really changing.</div> <div>13 Energy Transfer is buying Williams, Transfer is Buying</div> <div>14 Columbia Pipeline. This will have an impact on Rover,</div> <div>15 Nexus, other pipelines, other shippers and producers</div> <div>16 involved.</div> <div>17 FERC needs to take a look at all of these because</div> <div>18 it does have an impact on the whole market place. Plus,</div>
PM3-10	<div>19 Rover and Nexus are virtually identical. They are virtually</div> <div>20 twins. They start near Clanton, Ohio; they go through Ohio,</div> <div>21 they come within seven miles of each other in Ohio, they</div> <div>22 come up through Michigan, end at Vector with the intention</div> <div>23 of going over to Dawn Hub and Canada. Well, this is so</div> <div>24 twin-like so why would you want to approve them both?</div> <div>25 MR. BOWMAN: You're just over five minutes, I</div>

PM3-9 See the response to comment IND57-6 regarding alternatives and pipeline capacity. See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding the financial stability of the applicants.

PM3-10 See the response to comment IND57-8 regarding the Nexus Project.

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PM3-11 1 will ask that you wrap up.

2 MR. ZASKI: Okay. Basically, plus a lot of

3 shippers are in trouble, Chesapeake and all those near

4 Flint. My basic points are that you need to do more

5 in-depth analysis and independent analysis. You just don't

6 accept what Rover tells you. There are many of the firm

7 contracts that Rover says justifies this plan are based on

8 very poor-quality financials of these shippers and

9 producers. There is a real chance of over-building here.

10 Over-building hurts the environment but not only does it

11 hurt the environment, it tears up the landowners history of

12 what they have on their property and it tears up landowners

13 dreams of what they have hoped for their property. That's

14 it.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number three is Clifford

17 Rawley.

18 MR. RAWLEY: Thank you for the opportunity. And

19 first I really do earnestly thank you and your colleagues

20 for your efforts on behalf of the United States in these

21 functions. I recognize you do not represent Rover. So

22 first off I just want to thank you for your efforts on

23 behalf of the United States. I recognize you do not

24 represent Rover and the thoroughness of a nearly 500-page

25 document speaks for itself. However, I do have some things

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The FERC staff conducts an impartial, independent review of all documentation provided by the applicants for the Projects. See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding financial stability of the shippers. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need.

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1 I wanted to bring more specifically to the attention of FERC
2 and those involved.

3 My name is Clifford Rawley. I've got a Master's
4 in Public Health. I live at mile-marker 85.5, which is map
5 on page 3.28, I am along market segment number 2. There are
6 four alternatives within the nearby vicinity where I live.
7 Unlike the other three adjacent market segment alternatives
8 in this area which were positively resolved, in response to
9 landowner concerns, this portion of the proposed route is
10 strongly objected to by several landowners.

11 We have sought and received corresponding
12 supportive resolutions from our own township board that this
13 should follow the adjacent powerlines of ITC. Our proposed
14 route, the market segment alternative number two, would
15 achieve 71.4% of collocation versus 13.5. That's from your
16 own document. But in your document this emphasizes that
17 this has environmental advantages but as you well know in
18 your other documents when pipelines are located, co-located
19 there is actually a higher safety aspect.

20 The community would be safer with the collocation
21 also. All of the landowners that we are associated with, a
22 current proposed route by Rover would be more protected.
23 However we are totally at the mercy of ITC and Rover in
24 their negotiations. We do not even know what the issue is
25 that's involved and have no input at all in terms of the

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See the updated discussion of the Market Segment Alternative
Section 2 in section 3.4.1.3.

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1 resolution. Over 50 to 60 families and residences are
2 impacted by this proposal.
3 We strongly encourage FERC and the Secretary to
4 robustly approach both parties and encourage them to resolve
5 this matter in response to landowner concerns, similar to
6 the other three adjacent parcels. This would encourage
7 safety and it would reduce environmental impact. By
8 collocating the pipeline along market segment alternative
9 no. 2 route with ITC.

10 Unfortunately, as a result of this sequence of
11 events of at risk homeowners, we've identified several areas
12 of concern and I will try and address more specifically but
13 again I strongly implore you to work with Rover and ITC to

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14 resolve this issue on our behalf. The first key issue is
15 safety and if you look at the National PMS maps, this route
16 this pipeline goes through highly concentrated, high
17 population areas. I'll tell you this is unnecessary.

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18 Number two. Near mile-marker 83 of the market
19 segment of the proposed pipeline passes within one-tenth of
20 a mile of the entrance to Silver Lake State Park and it
21 parallels that entrance for about a tenth of a mile just to
22 the south of there. This is the only way in and out of the
23 park. If there was a critical event on the wrong day at the
24 wrong time of year over five hundred people would be trapped
25 and would not be able to get out. You would have a

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See the response to comment LA3-1 regarding safety.

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The commentor's statements regarding safety at Silver Lake State Park are noted. See the response to comment LA3-1 regarding safety.

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PM3-14 cont'd	<div>1horrendous calamity.</div> <div>2This is avoidable utterly and there should not be</div> <div>3a pipeline to such a location. Further, the Pinkney State</div>
PM3-15	<div>4Recreation area is a state park. It is protected state</div> <div>5land. This area of the proposed route through the pipeline</div> <div>6goes through what has been designated by the chief of the</div> <div>7DNR as a primitive zone. Meaning it's supposed to preserve</div> <div>8the natural resources and it is not to be impacted. In</div> <div>9other words, the pipeline violates the stated purpose</div> <div>10represented for our state parks and as desired by the State</div> <div>11of Michigan and this is in phase two of the long range</div> <div>12planning document of the Director of the Parks and</div> <div>13Recreation February 2013.</div> <div>14Inserting the pipeline directly into the area</div> <div>15then violates the purpose of the state park that the</div> <div>16Michigan people have valued and put aside and the designated</div> <div>17purpose of that area. The Pinkney Recreation area also has</div> <div>18both the Panhandle and Crude Oil Pipeline pipelines going</div> <div>19through the Pinkney Recreation area already. We've already</div> <div>20got the burden there.</div> <div>21MR. BOWMAN: You are over five minutes. I will</div> <div>22ask that you wrap up your comments.</div>
PM3-16	<div>23MR. RAWLEY: Thank you, I will be quickly. The</div> <div>24most important thing is the recreation area has globally</div> <div>25rare prairie fens. The density of threatened wildlife per</div>

PM3-15 The commentor’s statements regarding the Pinckney Recreation Area are noted. Impacts on the Pinckney Recreation Area are discussed in section 4.8.5.3.

PM3-16 Rover would cross three wetlands within the Pinckney Recreation Area. To date, MIDNR has not identified these wetlands as prairie fens. A discussion of impacts on groundwater and mitigation measures can be found in section 4.3.1.7 of the EIS. A discussion of major route alternatives considered for the Market Segment are discussion in Section 3.2.

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1 acre in a prairie fen is 500 times the average acre in the
2 state of Michigan. there are series, including USW, Fish
3 and Wildlife as well as State of Michigan action plans based
4 on protecting and preserving fens. Fens are when
5 groundwater comes to the surface. The key thing here is
6 that the only way to protect fens is you must protect the
7 source of the groundwater that impacts the fens. The fens
8 are throughout Livingston and Washtenaw and Lenawee County
9 and Western Jackson.
10 The impact upon people, the park, the risk of the
11 people at the beach as well as the prairie fens can entirely
12 be avoided. Now I've said this twice in two letters to the
13 Secretary. Instead of going northeast you go northwest out
14 of Defiance, Ohio. You can get to the same pipeline for
15 Consumer's Energy and you get to the Vector Pipeline within
16 twenty miles less. You save 20 miles in construction cost.
17 You avoid all highly populated areas. You avoid protected
18 state land. You avoid all the prairie fens. It's an entire
19 no brainer to protect the people, to protect the property,
20 to protect the threatened endangered species and protect the
21 people of Michigan. Thank you so much.
22 (Applause.)
23 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number four is Charles
24 Steele.
25 DR. STEELE: Good evening and thank you. My name

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PM3-17 | 1 is Dr. Charles M. Steele. I am an associate professor of
2 Economics at Hillsdale College and I am an economist with
3 the Hillsdale Policy Group. As an economist who has studied
4 the issue extensively, it is my opinion that the new
5 proposed natural gas pipeline project, especially the Rover
6 Pipeline are in the best interest of Michigan and Ohio
7 agricultural producers. My colleague Dr. Gary Wolfram and
8 I, recently authored a white paper that looks in-depth at
9 the relationship between the proposed pipeline projects in
10 Michigan and Ohio that would move natural gas from
11 Pennsylvania and the likely impacts of those projects on
12 agriculture in Michigan and Ohio and the Eastern Midwest.
13 What we found was that new natural gas pipelines
14 would offer substantial net benefits to agricultural
15 producers in these areas with minimal downsides. The Rover
16 Pipeline Project in particular could help reduce
17 agricultural production costs for farm operations, provide
18 stable prices for electricity and lower the prices for
19 fertilizer and pesticides. I thoroughly reviewed the draft
20 Environmental Impact Statement and I want to address
21 landowner concerns about whether or not this Project would
22 negatively impact property values or the ability to get
23 insurance on land.
24 The good news is that independent experts already
25 concluded that living near a natural gas pipeline does not

PM3-17

The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-17 cont'd	<p>1 have significant impact on property values or insurability.</p> <p>2 An extensive study done by the independent Right-of-Way</p> <p>3 Association and Integra Realty Resources found that natural</p> <p>4 gas pipelines do not measurably impact sales prices, demand</p> <p>5 for nor property values for properties located along in the</p> <p>6 proximity of natural gas pipelines. Integra also found that</p> <p>7 the presence of a natural gas pipeline does not have an</p> <p>8 effect on obtaining mortgage or property insurance.</p> <p>9 Now I'd also like to note that the Rover Pipeline</p> <p>10 in particular has been attentive to local farmer and</p> <p>11 landowner needs. Rover will pay an estimated one hundred</p> <p>12 million dollars to landowners for permanent and temporary</p> <p>13 easements in the next few years. They have added local</p> <p>14 agronomists and agricultural engineers to their team to work</p> <p>15 alongside farmers and landowners on mitigation plans.</p> <p>16 They've held meetings with local communities to discuss the</p> <p>17 route, the construction of the pipeline and restoring land</p> <p>18 on properties as well as the advanced safety technology that</p> <p>19 will be incorporated into the pipeline design.</p> <p>20 In reading the Draft Environmental Impact</p> <p>21 Statement, it is clear to me that FERC recognizes the</p> <p>22 Project has plans in place to address the landowner concerns</p> <p>23 about restoration after construction. Rover Pipeline stands</p> <p>24 to benefit farmers, manufacturers and consumers throughout</p> <p>25 the region and I believe it should be allowed to go forward.</p>

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1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number five is Ken High.

4 Combining the last two names, sorry about that.

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5 MR. HIGH: Good evening. My name is Lieutenant
6 Ken High with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management
7 and Homeland Security Division. My organization, we
8 understand that the design, construction and the maintenance
9 as well as operation of the pipeline is strictly governed by
10 the code of Federal regulations.

11 However, it is our responsibility to respond to
12 an incident if it were to happen. To that end, I can easily
13 say that Rover LLC has reached out to both state, local and
14 county officials to assure us that they have a response plan
15 in place as well as to keep that communication line open.
16 In fact, Rover reached out to us before we were even advised
17 of the plans for the pipeline of the possibility coming into
18 the state and we held that in high regard because of their
19 willingness to do so. I have had the opportunity to also
20 work with Panhandle Through Paradigm Services and their
21 outreach program as well as in Calhoun and Kalamazoo County
22 and have found them exceptionally easy to work with as well
23 as very open and inviting to assistance with their response
24 plan. Additionally, Rover has met with as I said, county
25 and local officials as well as fire departments and HazMat

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The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-18 cont'd	1	units again if an event were to happen on their property due
	2	to one of their pipelines and they have also gone out of
	3	their way to assure those local responders that they would
	4	assist in any way possible.
	5	Now a response such as this would not be a single
	6	response and some of you may be wondering about this would
	7	be a multifaceted response involving local, county and state
	8	resources as well as of course Rover resources itself.
	9	Again, to that end we have been very satisfied and pleased
	10	with Rover's outreach to us as well as local and county
	11	entities as I said.
	12	Rover has an emergency response plan in place.
	13	We are aware of that. We have seen its draft version. We
	14	have been given the opportunity to offer any addendums to it
	15	or any assistance in preparing the response plan and we have
	16	taken that opportunity as well. I think you for your time
	17	to speak to you tonight.
PM3-19	18	(Applause.)
	19	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number six is John Bedawka.
	20	MR. BZDAWKA: Good evening. I want to thank FERC
	21	for the opportunity to speak tonight on the draft
	22	Environmental Impact Statement. My name is John Bzdawka and
	23	I'll spell it. B-Z-D-A-W-K-A n and on behalf of the
	24	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers I have come
	25	today to express our support for the planning, construction,

PM3-19 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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1 and subsequent maintenance of the Rover Pipeline.
2 Since 1890, the IBW has represented men and woman
3 working in a variety of fields including utility,
4 construction and others. Today, we are 750,000 members
5 strong with workers in both the US and Canada. We support
6 the Rover Pipeline because this endeavor will invest over
7 3.7 billion dollars in our local economies and supply
8 regions along the pipeline with nearly ten thousand
9 immediate construction jobs, many of them for local union
10 workers.
11 After reviewing the FERC's Draft Environmental
12 Impact Statement it is clear that Energy Transfer Partners
13 has designed the Rover Pipeline to alleviate any potential
14 negative environmental influences, both in the short and
15 long-term. Thanks to the ever-evolving technological
16 advances pipeline transportation continues to get safer and
17 safer all the time. Today there are already 2.6 million
18 miles of underground pipeline safely transporting energy
19 products across the U.S. every day.
20 We, in the IBW are proud to have been selected by
21 Energy Transfer Partners to work on the Rover Project and it
22 is a project that we do not take lightly. We understand
23 that we have been chosen because ETP knows we will do the
24 job correctly, efficiently and to the utmost safety
25 standards. We stand ready and waiting to get to work on

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1 this project and ask for its timely review and approval.
2 Thank you.
3 (Applause.)
4 MR. BOWMAN: The seventh speaker is Doug Needham.

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5 MR. NEEDHAM: Good evening. My name is Doug
6 Needham and I'm the President of the Michigan Aggregates
7 Association. The Michigan Aggregates Association is a
8 statewide, nonprofit trade association that represents close
9 to ninety companies engaged in the production of crushed
10 stone, sand, gravel, recycled aggregates and slag. We were
11 founded in 1960 by a group of conscientious and
12 environmentally concerned aggregate producers to protect and
13 promote the interests, growth and welfare of our industry.
14 We have the best interest in the state's economic and
15 community development, particularly through enhancements to
16 our public infrastructure.
17 I am here tonight to support the Rover Pipeline
18 Project. I, along with others in the construction industry
19 support infrastructure projects that provide benefits to the
20 citizens of the State of Michigan, either via job creation
21 or retention, increased or sustained tax revenue, and/or
22 overall benefit to Michigan's Economy. We have learned that
23 the Rover Pipeline Project has an estimated total payroll
24 for the construction phase to be around 620 million.
25 This includes about 61 million in payroll for

PM3-20 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-20 cont'd	<p>1 Michigan. We have also learned that the direct construction</p> <p>2 impact may be as many as ten thousand jobs that includes up</p> <p>3 to fifteen hundred jobs in Michigan. In addition, we have</p> <p>4 been informed that there would be close to five thousand</p> <p>5 jobs for those in the supply industry such as quarries,</p> <p>6 equipment, manufacturing, pipe suppliers and trucking firms</p> <p>7 that deliver these products. This project deserves our</p> <p>8 support as the Rover Pipeline Project stands to greatly</p> <p>9 benefit the construction aggregates industry and the state</p> <p>10 of Michigan at large. Thank you.</p> <p>11 (Applause.)</p> <p>12 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker eight is Mike Hayter.</p>
PM3-21	<p>13 MR. HAYTER: Good evening. Thank you very much</p> <p>14 for allowing me to speak before you. My name is Mike Hayter</p> <p>15 and I am a field representative for Local 499 Laborers. I</p> <p>16 am here in my official capacity on behalf of our</p> <p>17 organization to testify in support of the proposed Rover</p> <p>18 Pipeline Project. I have been advocating in support of this</p> <p>19 project for the better part of a year and a half in the</p> <p>20 hopes that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will</p> <p>21 approve this Project.</p> <p>22 This Project, which will help provide a stable</p> <p>23 and consistent energy source for our state will provide</p> <p>24 nearly ten thousand new jobs along the pipeline route</p> <p>25 including roughly one thousand right here in Michigan.</p>

PM3-21 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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1 Specifically in the counties of Lenawee, Washtenaw and
2 Livingston. For a construction worker, this kind of work,
3 sometimes is called temporary jobs, is essential.
4 Construction in its nature is temporary work. But we all
5 know the importance of having well-built buildings that also
6 rely on safely-built energy infrastructure such as the Rover
7 Pipeline.
8 I am confident in Rover's plans to mitigate any
9 environmental impacts that might arise during the
10 construction and operation. Rover has satisfied and even
11 succeeded the requirements laid forth by the Commission.
12 That said, I want to address FERC's insistence on a
13 three-foot maximum for clearings. In my experience and
14 based on the experience of the workers I represent, this
15 serves as an impractical limit that could interfere with
16 construction and even endanger laborers. I urge FERC to
17 adopt a more standard ten-foot rule.
18 I am proud that Energy Transfer has agreed to use
19 our trade to build this pipeline at Liuna. We set the bar
20 high with regard to our training requirements and
21 construction practices. Rover knows we will do the job
22 right the first time. We will continually work to ensure a
23 safe, clean and minimally evasive construction site and we
24 are committed to operating with minimal construction or
25 impact to landowners.

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1 We also applaud Rover for making a concerted
2 effort to use American-made products. This creates even
3 more employment opportunities down the supply chain, not
4 just in the actual construction and the fact nearly
5 three-quarters of the pipe itself would be manufactured in
6 the United States helping to maximize the capacity of U.S.
7 steel mills. This project is critically important to the
8 workers I represent and to the thousands throughout the
9 Midwest.
10 We need jobs in our region and we need a reliable
11 supply of domestically produced energy. This project will
12 satisfy both those needs and to do so with minimal impacts
13 to the communities along the pipeline route. I urge you to
14 approve this important project and for the good of the
15 people of Michigan and for our economy. Thank you for your
16 time.
17 (Applause.)
18 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number nine, Ron Kardos.
19 MR. KARDOS: Good evening. My name is Ronald
20 Kardos. I'm from Livingston County, Michigan and I'm
21 speaking on behalf of myself and my family. We aren't
22 directly affected by the proposed E.T. Rover Pipeline.
23 However, we would have been had the original route through
24 Livingston County been used. Thankfully there was a great
25 deal of opposition for that route which ultimately pushed

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	1	the E.T. Rover to connect with the Vector Pipeline near
	2	Howell.
PM3-22	3	I speak before you as a landowner with the Vector
	4	Pipeline as well as the Enbridge line 6B through my
	5	property. Because of that, I can speak directly to the
	6	issue of imminent domain and the tactics used to coerce
	7	landowners to comply. When we were approached by a
	8	Right-of-Way agent, the issue of imminent domain surfaced
	9	not five minutes into the conversation. We feel that FERC
	10	provides that impetus for pipeline companies to use imminent
	11	domain as a scare tactic with the use of language in early
	12	communications with property owners.
	13	The statements I speak of are part of the Notice
	14	of Intent, the Certificate Policy Statement, and the order
	15	Clarifying Statement of Policy. In these communications,
	16	landowners are encouraged to acquiesce instead of going
	17	through the imminent domain process. What they don't tell
	18	the landowners is that complying simply pumps up compliance
	19	numbers, which give the applicant an advantage.
PM3-23	20	Moving on to another issue, that of public
	21	convenience and necessity, there is absolutely nothing
	22	convenient about having a pipeline through one's property.
	23	The disruption to one's life, the environment, wildlife and
	24	the soils is not convenient. Any suggestion that when a
PM3-24	25	pipeline goes through your property the soil isn't impacted

PM3-22	The commentor’s statements regarding eminent domain are noted. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.
PM3-23	See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need.
PM3-24	See the response to comment CO20-14 regarding the FERC’s conclusions for impacts on soils. See also the response to comment IND55-1 regarding restoration requirements.

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PM3-24 cont'd	<p>1 and/or the fact that they will restore it to its original</p> <p>2 condition is absolutely false. We've been dealing with</p> <p>3 getting our property restored for quite some time now, since</p> <p>4 the "replacement" of the line 6B, and it still isn't</p> <p>5 restored to our satisfaction.</p> <p>6 Our front yard and garden, the pipelines are</p> <p>7 within a hundred feet of our front porch and they are</p> <p>8 evidence that the soil is never the same, despite promises</p> <p>9 that the soil will be restored to its original condition.</p>
PM3-25	<p>10 To date, there is no evidence that suggests that there is</p> <p>11 necessity for yet another pipeline through Michigan.</p> <p>12 Current market conditions suggest that there is an</p> <p>13 overabundance of natural gas as Frank Zaski pointed out,</p> <p>14 Michigan has ample gas storage facilities and further</p> <p>15 pipelines are not needed.</p> <p>16 If the purpose of the FERC is to regulate the</p> <p>17 energy of the country, this pipeline proposal should be</p> <p>18 denied for any one of the above-mentioned reasons. Thank</p> <p>19 you.</p> <p>20 (Applause.)</p> <p>21 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number ten, Mariah Urueta.</p> <p>22 MS. URUETA: Hello Commission. Thank you for</p> <p>23 listening to everyone's testimony today. My name is Mariah</p> <p>24 Urueta, that's M-A-R-I-A-H, last name U-R-U-E-T-A. I am an</p> <p>25 organizer for Food and Water Watch and I am speaking to you</p>

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The commentor’s request to deny the Project is noted. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need.

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1 today on behalf of our twenty-seven thousand Michigan
2 supporters. The proposed E.T. Rover Pipeline Project has
3 already been rerouted as mentioned twice due to strong
4 objection from landowners and local municipalities.

PM3-26 5 This pipeline would threaten landowners property
6 rights as you just heard, pose safety issues and would cause
7 both environmental and public health problems for
8 communities along the proposed pipeline route and this is
9 evident with the current natural gas pipelines that already
10 exist in the Midwest region of the United States. The E.T.

PM3-27 11 Rover Pipeline as been stated, would be an unnecessary piece
12 of infrastructure. Michigan's energy statistics
13 given in the draft Environmental Impact Statement shows that
14 there is no need for Rover in Michigan as electric and gas
15 use in Michigan are declining. Rover provides inadequate
16 reasoning for the construction of this pipeline. E.T. Rover
17 is a producer-driven pipeline with no real market demand and
18 with gas prices being low there is no need for this
19 pipeline. The only reason E.T. Rover is being posed is to

PM3-28 20 lock in an increased future demand for fracked natural gas.

PM3-29 21 Those with sunk costs in the project, the banks
22 that own the debt will expect to get paid from maximizing
23 gas production, even for export. This flies in the face of
24 climate science, which is clear that we must maximize what
25 we keep in the ground instead. At that, given all of the

PM3-26 See the response to comment LA3-1 regarding safety. As discussed in section 4.9.8 of the EIS, the primary health issue related to the proposed projects would be the risk associated with an unanticipated pipeline or compressor station failure. Impacts on the environment and proposed mitigation are discussed throughout section 4.0 of the EIS.

PM3-27 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding Project need.

PM3-28 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding Project need.

PM3-29 The commentor's statements in opposition to the Project are noted. See the response to comment IND48-6 regarding export of gas.

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PM3-29 cont'd	<div>1 public opposition, the Washtenaw County Board of</div> <div>2 Commissioners has passed a resolution opposing the E.T.</div> <div>3 Rover Pipeline. So please listen to the constituents and we</div> <div>4 hope that every FERC comment is being read and taken into</div> <div>5 account. Thank you for your time.</div> <div>6 (Applause.)</div> <div>7 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number eleven is John</div> <div>8 Dulmes.</div>
PM3-30	<div>9 MR. DULMES: Good evening. My name is John</div> <div>10 Dulmes and I am Executive Director of the Michigan Chemistry</div> <div>11 Council. Our organization represents the state's third</div> <div>12 largest manufacturing sector, the business of chemistry.</div> <div>13 The companies support nearly one hundred and twenty thousand</div> <div>14 Michigan jobs across the state, generate one hundred and</div> <div>15 twenty-seven million dollars in state and local taxes.</div> <div>16 Ninety-six percent of all manufactured goods are directly</div> <div>17 touched by the business of chemistry, making our industry</div> <div>18 essential to many parts of Michigan's economy.</div> <div>19 Our members support this expansion of domestic</div> <div>20 energy production and we encourage the development of safe</div> <div>21 and reliable energy infrastructure including the Rover</div> <div>22 Natural Gas Pipeline. We are thankful for the release of</div> <div>23 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It is a step in</div> <div>24 the right direction towards the final review of this</div> <div>25 important project and we applaud the agency for taking the</div>

PM3-30 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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1 time to carefully review it.

2 In reviewing the plans for the pipeline and the

3 draft EIS, we believe there has been a very comprehensive

4 assessment of both the benefits that this project will bring

5 but also the necessary work that will need to be done in

6 order to mitigate impacts to the environment and to our

7 communities. Energy Transfer Partners, the company that has

8 proposed the pipeline estimates that it will bring ten

9 thousand construction jobs to the state including fifteen

10 hundred positions in Michigan.

11 We also applaud the strong "Buy America" policy

12 that this project has been founded on and that seventy-six

13 percent of the pipeline will be made in the U.S. and many of

14 our companies are involved in this supply chain as well.

15 This is important to our companies and its employees. The

16 majority of the equipment and greater than one billion

17 dollars in good will be purchased from manufacturers

18 including businesses here in Michigan. Again, many

19 businesses that support our members as well.

20 We have been impressed with the transparency and

21 openness of the process. The Rover team has conducted

22 hundreds of meetings along the route with different groups

23 including farm groups, community leaders, business

24 associations and the landowners, many of whom are hear

25 tonight. We've seen that this project has consulted with

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1 state agricultural agencies, the state police, independent
2 consultants, land improvement and drainage tile contractors
3 and the landowners in order to develop the careful plans for
4 the repair of drainage tile and other systems that will be
5 effected by the construction. We hope that this openness
6 and transparency will continue and that the company will
7 continue to share their plans with the agency and any other
8 interested parties.
9 So with that in mind, we would be supportive of
10 reducing some of the quarterly progress reports that were
11 recommended. We understand that these reporting
12 requirements might not be necessary if that level of
13 communication that has been given so far continues. In
14 conclusion, the continued development of Michigan's energy
15 infrastructure, our state's manufacturers depend on natural
16 gas and the infrastructure to move it to market. As
17 mentioned, many of our products are made with natural gas as
18 a feed stock including fertilizer, clothing, plastics,
19 insulation and tires.
20 This pipeline is an important step in developing
21 our nation's energy infrastructure and our state's energy
22 infrastructure. We believe that the final review should be
23 conducted on an expedited timeline. Thank you for the
24 chance to speak.
25 (Applause.)

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PM3-31	1	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker twelve is Terry Langley.
	2	MR. LANGLEY: Good evening. Thank you for giving
	3	me this opportunity to speak. My name is Terry Langley.
	4	I'm a representative of the United Association and
	5	Pipeliners 798. Since the 2008 recession, many of our
	6	workers have found themselves under-utilized and under-paid
	7	as projects get postponed and certain positions get sent
	8	overseas to less skilled and far less devoted workers.
	9	Large infrastructure projects like Rover Pipeline are the
	10	kind of endeavors our country needs to put American Workers
	11	and the communities in which they reside back on the path of
	12	economic prosperity.
	13	Using the skilled workers of the United
	14	Association, the Rover Pipeline would be constructed using
	15	the most advanced engineering technology. According to the
	16	FERC's Draft Environmental Impact Study, it seems that the
	17	pipeline officials have guaranteed to meet and even exceed
	18	State and Federal pipeline safety requirements. This
	19	includes a fast inspection of every weld connecting segments
	20	of the pipeline as well as pre-testing for leaks and defects
	21	using water under higher than average pressure, automatic
	22	emergency shutoff valves will also be utilized in the event
	23	of an emergency. Thank you, and I urge you to advance this
	24	permit. Thank you.
	25	(Applause.)

PM3-31 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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	1	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number thirteen and sorry if
	2	I get this one wrong, George Stamadianos.
PM3-32	3	MR. STAMADIANOS: Hi, I'm George Stamadianos
	4	representing the orange shirts in the room from 499. I've
	5	been construction labor for 21 years. I support the
	6	pipeline also because I am a small businessman and during
	7	the recession of 2008, my family business almost closed and
	8	that's about when I started with the pipeline. I have been
	9	a building trade's guy also. I've seen many stores continue
	10	business because of the pipeline in the area, all the people
	11	who are buying food, gas, snacks, et cetera. The health
	12	care that I can get from the pipeline has really impacted by
	13	life. When I was working the family business I would paying
	14	almost sixteen hundred a month for Blue Cross, but now I
	15	have 5 dollar co-pays.
	16	I've done many aspects on the pipeline. I have
	17	been fire watch, flagger, and the environmental crews. We
	18	do a safe, reliable job and we restore the properties in
	19	very good condition. With a little patience from the
	20	homeowners, I personally reassure that the property will be
	21	restored in good condition. Thank you for your time and I
	22	support the 499 guys for their families and myself also.
	23	Thank you.
	24	(Applause.)
	25	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 14 is Steve Schmitz.

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The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-33	<p>1 MR. SCHMITZ: Hi. I'm just a farmer down on the</p> <p>2 Michigan/Ohio line. The pipeline is going through about six</p> <p>3 of the fields that I farm and my landlords and I just want</p> <p>4 to say what they're doing is, as far as the drain tile, I</p> <p>5 think it's a great deal. I'm also a drainage contractor,</p> <p>6 been doing it for forty years. This year, the way that</p> <p>7 Rover is handling the drain tile along with Land Steward is</p> <p>8 a great idea, probably the best thing I've ever seen. When</p> <p>9 they get done relocating all these tile, the pipeline goes</p> <p>10 through, they come back a year later, two years later or</p> <p>11 whatever and retile the strip that is not done so I think</p> <p>12 whatever Rover is doing with the drain tile I think it's an</p> <p>13 excellent idea and I support that, thank you.</p> <p>14 (Applause.)</p> <p>15 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker fifteen is Mike Cook.</p> <p>PM3-34</p> <p>16 MR. COOK: Good evening and thank you for</p> <p>17 providing me the opportunity to testify in support of the</p> <p>18 Rover Pipeline Project. My name is Mike Cook and I'm here</p> <p>19 tonight on behalf of the Michigan Chapter of the Land</p> <p>20 Improvement Contractors Association of America. For over 50</p> <p>21 years, LIC has worked throughout the country to ensure that</p> <p>22 their land improvement projects are undertaken in a</p> <p>23 responsible and effective manner. We encourage high</p> <p>24 standards of workmanship and resource management, land</p> <p>25 improvement practices and to promote private enterprises in</p>

PM3-33 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

PM3-34 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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1 land improvement contracting. Our creed is "preservation of
2 our natural soil and water".

3 The Rover Project has distinguished itself from
4 other pipeline infrastructure projects with its diligent in
5 minimizing its impact on the properties along the pipeline.
6 Michigan LICA was thoroughly impressed with Rover's early
7 request to consult with our specialist. Since that time, we
8 worked hand in hand with Rover to craft a plan that
9 addresses any potential issues that might arise with an
10 attention to Michigan and community-specific details.
11 Additionally, Rover has hired other private Environmental
12 consultants in order to identify local concerns.

13 For these reasons the Michigan Land Improvement
14 Contractors Association endorses the Rover Pipeline. Our
15 members are excited to get work on this project and I thank
16 you for your time and consideration.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker sixteen is Keith Cottrill.

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19 MR. COTTRILL: Good evening. My name is Keith
20 Cottrill. I am a land improvement contractor. I come up
21 here to speak on what I have seen as Rover is working with
22 us to work on keeping the draining systems working on some
23 very highly productive farm ground. What I have seen Rover,
24 this is a good project. They seem to be working with us
25 well.

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PM3-36 1 I believe that some of the routing should have
2 been worked with the farmers a little closer. The procedure
3 we had we had a survey crew come up and ask if they had
4 permission to come across the property. Most of our farmers
5 allowed it. After they got the survey done they said
6 "here's where we are going". They did not come back to the
7 landowner and ask "is this is a good route? Is this a bad
8 route? What have we got in the way?"
9 I kind of believe that maybe that needs to be
10 looked at a little closer. The property owners are the ones
11 that understand their property the beset. I believe if they
12 were worked with a little closer this could have made the
13 process a little easier for them. As far as LICA coming or
PM3-37 14 Rover and Land Stewards coming to us local contractors to do
15 the work, I believe we are the ones that understand putting
16 the tile back together and understand the land as good as
17 the farmers and I appreciate that you folks are working with
18 us, talking to us and allowing us to come speak at these
19 proceedings. Thank you.
20 (Applause.)
21 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker seventeen is Dennis Rector.
PM3-38 22 MR. RECTOR: Good evening, thank you. My name is
23 Dennis Rector. I am a drainage contractor. I own Water
24 Management Specialists. I am a LICA contractor. I want to
25 commend Rover for hiring the local contractors. We are the

PM3-36 The commentor's statements regarding the need to work with landowners is noted.

PM3-37 The commentor's statements in support of the Project are noted.

PM3-38 The commentor's statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-38 cont'd	1	contractors that have been putting this drainage system in,
	2	designing them and installing them, what's there.
	3	They've come to us and I've been doing this for
	4	about twenty years repairing and fixing these areas where
	5	other pipelines have gone through and bring that expertise
	6	here and they've requested that we come up with a plan that
	7	gets their soils back into restore it as close to possible
	8	of what they already have. I want to support this. I think
	9	this is a good project. Rover has done, from what I've seen
	10	with the customers that we have, they've done everything
	11	they need to do for this project to go forward so I support
	12	it.
	13	(Applause.)
	14	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number eighteen is Patricia
	15	Cingel.
PM3-39	16	MS. SINGLE: Good evening, my name is Patricia
	17	Cingel and I am one of the landowners along the pipeline. I
	18	am definitely out of my comfort zone but I am here tonight
	19	because I think it's important that you consider the people
	20	that own the property along the pipeline. For all of the
	21	consideration that's done to the environment and safety
	22	concerns is the people living in those communities that will
	23	live with any risk or any disaster that could happen.
PM3-40	24	It is a permanent change. It's not a temporary
	25	change. The people living along the pipeline will deal with

PM3-39

See the responses to comments LA3-1 and PM3-26 regarding pipeline safety.

PM3-40

As discussed in section 4.8.1.2 of the EIS, following construction, most activities and uses within open land and agricultural land would be able to continue. However, some activities, such as the building of new commercial or residential structures, would be prohibited within the permanent right-of-way.

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PM3-40 cont'd	1 that forever and whoever comes after them will deal with 2 that forever. It changes the potential uses of their 3 property, what they can do with it. I don't understand the
PM3-41	4 driving need for this, for a new pipeline. There seems to 5 be existing ones. The gas that is to be delivered isn't
PM3-42	6 even for the benefit of the state and our community. 7 So I just ask you to consider us, the people. 8 Thank you. 9 (Applause.) 10 MR. BOWMAN: The nineteenth speaker is Gary 11 Mowad.
PM3-43	12 MR. MOWAD: My name is Gary Mowad. I'm a former 13 special agent with the United States Fish and Wildlife 14 Service and served as the Deputy Chief for the National Law 15 Enforcement Program. In this capacity, I supervised Fish 16 and Wildlife Service law enforcement program from coast to 17 coast and U.S. Territories. 18 I'm an expert in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act 19 and the Endangered Species Act having given testimony before 20 numerous Federal Grand Juries and serving as an expert 21 witness for the U.S. Government. I've been retired now for 22 over three years and only represent myself here tonight. I 23 have a letter I would like to submit into the FERC record 24 and I'd like to speak to some of the points contained 25 within. Would that be with your guys?

- PM3-41See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding Project need.
- PM3-42The commentor’s statements regarding benefits are noted. See the response to comment IND54-8 regarding benefits to the local community.
- PM3-43See the response to comment CO7-2 regarding the use of mitigation funding.

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PM3-43 cont'd	<div>1MR. BOWMAN: You can leave it with us tonight.</div> <div>2Thank you.</div> <div>3MR. MOWAD: Okay. I have thoroughly reviewed the</div> <div>4Rover Pipeline Project's Draft Environmental Impact</div> <div>5Statement and conclude that Rover's Migratory Bird Impact</div> <div>6Mitigation Plan completely satisfies the requirements set</div> <div>7out by FERC. It also is in full compliance with all</div> <div>8provisions of the Migratory Treaty Act and its implementing</div> <div>9regulations.</div> <div>10I am very concerned and troubled with a new</div> <div>11requirement coming from both the Fish and Wildlife Service</div> <div>12and FERC during oil and gas pipeline consultations. I</div> <div>13currently have pipeline clients who have been</div> <div>14inappropriately asked to pay mitigation for perfectly lawful</div> <div>15impacts to migratory birds and their habitat. Not only are</div> <div>16these requests inappropriate, but I believe they are also</div> <div>17unlawful and should be investigated by the Office of the</div> <div>18Inspector General for both the Department of Interior and</div> <div>19FERC.</div> <div>20As an expert on the migratory Bird Treaty Act</div> <div>21with thirty years of experience, I assure FERC the Migratory</div> <div>22Bird Treaty act and its implementing regulations do not</div> <div>23prohibit modification or destruction of migratory bird</div> <div>24habitat. Nor do they prohibit harassment of migratory birds</div> <div>25or destruction of their nests when viable eggs or young are</div>

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1 not present. Yet, the United State Fish and Wildlife
2 Service and FERC have been unlawfully requiring mitigation
3 for these otherwise lawful impacts to migratory birds and
4 their habitat for the past two years.
5 I worry that FERC may be unknowingly facilitating
6 Fish and Wildlife Services improper requests for mitigation
7 for perfectly legal impacts to migratory birds. When
8 questioned on the authority for such requests, the Fish and
9 Wildlife Service cites executive order 13186 as the basis
10 for its authority to require mitigation for impacts to
11 migratory birds and their habitat. However, this order,
12 issued in 2001 under the Clinton Administration was clearly
13 intended for Executive Branch Agencies only.
14 Specifically, the Executive Order requires a
15 Federal Agency that takes actions likely to have negative
16 impacts on migratory bird populations to enter into an MOU
17 with the Fish and Wildlife service to "promote the
18 conservation of migratory bird populations". Action is
19 defined in the Executive Order to include actions directly
20 carried out by a Federal Agency. It goes on to say "actions
21 delegated to or assumed by non-Federal entities or carried
22 out by non-Federal entities with Federal assistance are not
23 subject to this order."
24 So the Executive Order the Fish and Wildlife
25 Service cites is conveying authority for these mitigation

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1 requests and this does not apply to the public sector
2 projects such as oil and gas pipelines. FERC entered into
3 an MOU with the Fish and Wildlife Service on March 30, 2011.
4 Among other authorities cited in the MOI, the MOI cites
5 Executive Order 13186. None of the Federal statutes or the
6 Executive order cited in the MOU protect migratory bird
7 habitat and consequently none of the statutes or the
8 executive order requires mitigation for modification to
9 migratory bird habitat. Modification to migratory bird
10 habitat is not prohibited by law, regulation or executive
11 order. Requesting or requiring mitigation for such
12 modification is inappropriate.

13 To be clear, none of the authorities cited in the
14 FERC MOU with the Fish and Wildlife Service protect
15 migratory bird habitat. The Endangered Species Act does,
16 however require Federal action agencies whose projects may
17 affect listed endangered species to consult with the Fish
18 and Wildlife Service. FERC is often an action agency for
19 pipeline projects as many pipelines require FERC
20 Authorization. Consequently, FERC is required to consult
21 with the Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 7 of the
22 endangered species act.

23 It is during these consultations that the Fish
24 and Wildlife Service and FERC ask for voluntary mitigation
25 payments to offset impacts to migratory bird habitat.

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1 However, if a pipeline project fails to pay the requested
2 migratory bird mitigation, the project's required ESA
3 clearances, or FERC authorizations will not be issued. In
4 actuality, the Fish and Wildlife Service and FERC are
5 committing extortion.

6 I have personally set in meetings with the Fish
7 and Wildlife Service in which personnel from the Fish and
8 Wildlife Service state failure to pay the requested
9 voluntary migratory bird mitigation payment will change how
10 the Fish and Wildlife Service Views the Project as well as
11 future projects from that company. The threats are not even
12 veiled and clearly represent misuse of Federal authority.
13 This issue has been reviewed by no less than five of the
14 most prominent environmental attorneys of the country
15 including a former Deputy Assistant secretary for the
16 Department of the Interior.

17 We all conclude that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
18 Service and FERC are acting outside their authorities and in
19 essence this action equates to circumventing the federal
20 rule-making process and implementing new law through misuse
21 of an executive order. I highly recommend forward this
22 comment to your legal counsel for immediate review and stop
23 the unlawful practice of requesting or requiring voluntary
24 mitigation payments for perfectly legal impacts to migratory
25 birds and their habitat.

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PM3-43 cont'd	1 Withholding required FERC and ESA clearances
	2 until unnecessary migratory bird mitigation payment is paid
	3 is wholly inappropriate and represents misuse of Federal
	4 authority. Thank you for allowing me to bring this issue to
	5 your -- or at least putting it on your radar screen tonight
	6 and please have your legal counsel review this. I would
	7 certainly like to see this practice stopped. Thank you.
	8 (Applause.)
	9 MR. BOWMAN: You can leave the paper comments at
	10 the sign-in table. Thanks. Speaker twenty is Charles
	11 Yates.
PM3-44	12 MR. YATES: Good evening. Again, how are you?
	13 My name's Charles Yates. I am here representing the United
	14 Association and Local 798. I'm a representative for Ohio,
	15 Indiana and the great State of Michigan. I would like to
	16 thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the
	17 United Association, to voice our support and to build the
	18 Rover Pipeline.
	19 As so many jobs continue to go overseas, the
	20 Rover Pipeline is an incredible project that promises to
	21 create nearly ten thousand construction jobs many of which
	22 will go to my fellow United Association Members. Of the
	23 total 3.7 billion dollars to be invested in this project,
	24 approximately 570 million will be reserved to labor
	25 expenses. Over 75% of the pipeline including assembly,

PM3-44 The commentor’s statements in support of the Project are noted.

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PM3-44 cont'd	<p>1 packaging will be manufactured right here in the United</p> <p>2 States by American workers. Energy Transfer Partners has</p> <p>3 selected the United Association to work in this project</p> <p>4 because they understand that we hold our workers to the</p> <p>5 highest standards and operate under the most advanced</p> <p>6 engineering and construction practices.</p> <p>7 Most importantly, the understand that safety is</p> <p>8 our number one priority and ensuring safe and stable</p> <p>9 finished product will be the goal in building the Rover</p> <p>10 pipeline. Upon review of the Federal Regulatory Commission</p> <p>11 draft Environmental Impact Statement, it is clear that the</p> <p>12 Rover Pipeline was precisely designed to minimize noise,</p> <p>13 preserve the health and beauty of the surrounding</p> <p>14 environment and ensure minimal destruction to landowners and</p> <p>15 those in the community.</p> <p>16 United Association shares these goals and will</p> <p>17 conduct our daily operations accordingly. We therefore ask</p> <p>18 that the FERC complete its review of the Rover Pipeline and</p> <p>19 allow our devoted UA members to get to work on this most</p> <p>20 worthy project. Thank you.</p> <p>21 (Applause.)</p> <p>22 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker twenty-one is Nancy</p> <p>23 Schiffler.</p> <p>PM3-45</p> <p>24 MS. SHIFFLER: Good evening. My name is Nancy</p> <p>25 Shiffler and I am speaking on behalf of the Michigan Chapter</p>

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See the response to comment CO15-3 regarding the role of negotiated easement agreements in the approval of the Project.

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1 of the Sierra Club. We will be submitting detailed, written
2 comments prior to the April 11th deadline for tonight. I
3 just want to emphasize a few key points particularly
4 regarding the balance of adverse impact and certificates of
5 need. First, FERC is providing incomplete information to
6 landowners regarding acquisition of easements.

7 From your Notice of Intent and in the Landowner's
8 Guide that you're passing out tonight you duly note to the
9 landowner that they will be receiving contact from the
10 pipeline regarding acquisition of an easement and they also
11 dutifully point out that if the Commission approves the
12 Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent
13 domain. Therefore if easement negotiations failed to
14 produce an agreement a condemnation proceeding could be
15 initiated where compensation would be determined in
16 accordance to state law.

17 What they do not say to the landowner is the
18 content of the FERC's Certificate Policy Statement, which
19 was clarified in 2000 to say the "policy statement
20 encouraged project sponsors to acquire as much of the
21 right-of-way as possible by negotiations with landowners and
22 explain how successfully doing so influences the
23 Commission's Assessment of Public Benefits and adverse
24 consequences". In short, FERC is providing implicit
25 encouragement to landowners to settle with the company

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1 rather than going through eminent domain proceedings.
2 However, it neglects to tell them that FERC uses the
3 proportion of negotiated rights-of-way agreements as an
4 indicator favoring approval of the project.

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5 Second, in the EIS, FERC determined that the
6 Project would result in some adverse and significant impacts
7 which "would occur during construction and operation of the
8 projects and occur on vegetation and wildlife." This is
9 while FERC maintains that all of those impacts could be
10 sufficiently mitigated if their proposed fifty-five
11 conditions are carried out. However, many of the conditions
12 involve submission by Rover of additional information and
13 plans and instructions to "coordinate with landowners
14 regarding mitigation compensation" or instructions to
15 develop long-term monitoring plans.

16 The question remains open whether these
17 conditions will be satisfactorily carried out and whether
18 the adverse conditions will be adequately mitigated. The
19 sheer number of conditions and the emphasis on monitoring
20 followed by some vague future mitigation if this doesn't
21 work, does not really breed confidence that the adverse
22 impacts can actually be avoided.

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23 Third, cumulative impacts and the need for
24 programmatic EIS. FERC continues to take a limited view of
25 cumulative impacts. While acknowledging ten planned

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As stated in section 5.0 of the EIS, we recommend to the Commission that our recommendations for additional mitigation measures be attached as conditions to any authorization issued by the Commission. Section 2.5.3 of the EIS provides a description of the third-party compliance monitors, which under the direction of the FERC, would conduct daily construction monitoring. If the Project were approved, these third-party monitors would verify that the applicants complied with all conditions attached to the Order issued by the Commission.

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See the response to comment CO15-12 regarding a programmatic EIS. The commentor's statements regarding the cumulative impacts section are noted. However, as stated in section 4.13 of the EIS, our cumulative impacts analysis uses an approach consistent with the methodology set forth in relevant guidance issued by the CEQ and EPA.

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1 proposed or existing FERC-related natural gas transmission
2 projects in the region, FERC limits consideration of
3 cumulative impacts only to segments within ten miles of the
4 Rover Project. FERC should instead be considering the broad
5 impacts of the numerous projects that are emanating from the
6 Marcellus Shale Region, many of them duplicative. We would
7 note that the Council of Environment Equality recommended
8 the use of a programmatic EIS when several energy
9 development programs proposed in the same region of the
10 country has similar proposed methods of implementation and
11 similar best practices and mitigation measures that can be
12 analyzed in the same document.

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13 Fourth, the lack of public convenience and
14 necessity. You've already heard comments tonight about
15 Rover being essentially a producer-driven project with
16 little demonstrated market pull. In many cases, the
17 producers are financially questionable and may not have the
18 financial strength to comply with their twenty-year
19 commitments. The market for natural gas appears to be
20 diminishing in Michigan in particular and the U.S.
21 Department of Energy in 2015 stated that only fifty percent
22 of current U.S. Pipeline capacity is being used and better
23 utilization could reduce the need for new pipelines.

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24 Finally, FERC's issuance of a Certificate of
25 Public Convenience and necessity is supposedly based on

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See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need. See also the response to comment CO3-3 regarding financial stability of the applicants and the shippers.

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The commentator's statements regarding public convenience and necessity are noted. See the responses to comments CO3-6 and IND54-8 regarding need and benefits to the community.

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1 balancing of public benefits versus possible adverse
2 impacts. We should not be putting the safety, economic
3 value and environmental health of local property owners and
4 communities against pipeline projects which are neither
5 viable or needed. Thank you.
6 (Applause)
7 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number twenty-two is Katie
8 Johnson.
9 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening, Cody and Christine.
10 Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Thank you also to
11 the committee for preparing such a thorough study. My name
12 is Katie Johnson and I live in Pinkney, Michigan. The E.T.
13 Rover Pipeline is scheduled to be installed right next to my
14 house. Our house is located in the incineration zone.
15 In my comment tonight I won't dwell on how the
16 pipeline is expected to negatively impact the habitats of
17 our ecosystem, or how it is going to come within fifty feet
18 of fifty-five residences or how Rover is now a neighbor of
19 mine. What I would like to state tonight is how the
20 Environmental Impact Study showed me how grossly misaligned
21 the E.T. Rover Pipeline project is with the mission and
22 goals of FERC.
23 The mission of FERC is to assist consumers in the
24 obtaining reliable, efficient and sustainable energy
25 services at a reasonable cost through appropriate regulatory

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PM3-50 The commentor’s statements regarding safety and risk are noted.
See the response to comment LA3-1 regarding safety.

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PM3-50 cont'd	<p>1 and market means. To achieve this mission, FERC pursues the</p> <p>2 goal of promoting safe, reliable, secure and efficient</p> <p>3 infrastructure. After reading the Environmental Impact</p> <p>4 Statement it is clear to me that construction of the E.T.</p> <p>5 Rover Pipeline is not a reasonable cost nor is it an</p> <p>6 efficient infrastructure decision. My neighbors in the</p> <p>7 audience have testified to the enumerable risks of the</p> <p>8 project that jeopardize the safety of Michigan residents.</p>
PM3-51	<p>9 In a similar vein, I would like to emphasize the</p> <p>10 risk of groundwater pollution and the unsatisfactory</p> <p>11 response by Rover to mitigate this risk. The Environmental</p> <p>12 Impact Study states along the twelve thousand acres impacted</p> <p>13 by construction one hundred and nineteen public or private</p> <p>14 water supply wells, mine being one of them are within one</p> <p>15 hundred and fifty feet of the Rover Project. The study</p> <p>16 indicates that Rover has agreed to perform pre and post</p> <p>17 construction monitoring for well yield and water quality but</p> <p>18 how will these reviews be conducted? How often. At what</p> <p>19 cost and to whom? As a resident whose well is within range</p> <p>20 I would like more information on how this monitoring will be</p> <p>21 conducted in order to feel safe.</p>
PM3-52	<p>22 Lastly, FERC's responsibility is to provide for</p> <p>23 an efficient infrastructure. As a consumer of natural</p> <p>24 resources, I would appreciate respect to this goal. Rover</p> <p>25 has asserted that the objective of this pipeline is to</p>

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Rover would pay for all pre- and post-construction monitoring of water wells within 150 feet of construction. We have added a recommendation into section 4.3 requiring Rover to provide all results of pre- and post-construction testing to the landowners.

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The commentor’s statement regarding our alternatives analysis is noted.

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1 deliver natural gas to the U.S. Consumer and has stated

2 existing pipeline routes do not adequately satisfy this

3 objective. The EIS affirms that Rover cannot achieve their

4 goal of delivering natural gas to consumers through

5 alternative routes. I would ask FERC to challenge this

6 statement.

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7 As stated by previous commentators, Marcellus and

8 Utica Gas are already being transported to markets in

9 Michigan, Canada and the Gulf through existing pipelines

10 such as Nexus and Vector. Moreover, a department of Energy

11 study found that average natural gas pipeline utilization

12 between 1998 and 2003 was only fifty-four percent. So not

13 only is there existing infrastructure but on average that

14 infrastructure is only used at about fifty percent capacity.

15 DTE and Consumers Energy forecast a 0.2 percent

16 annual decrease in electric sales until 2026. With the

17 demand for natural gas on the decline combined with the

18 existence of under-utilized, preexisting infrastructure the

19 Rover Pipeline does not align with FERC's mission and goals.

20 Many commentators tonight have emphasized the need for jobs

21 or the positive economic impacts but I emphasize, although

22 important, these impacts are temporary. It does not make

23 sense to make a pipeline that is half as tall as I am which

24 will remain buried in the ground for over sixty years just

25 for a temporary gain. Disrupting our community, risking the

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See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project.

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PM3-53 cont'd	<div>1 safety of our residents and damage to the environment to</div> <div>2 create a pipeline that will only be utilized half of the</div> <div>3 time to deliver into an every declining market for gas is</div> <div>4 not a responsible use of our resources and FERC's time.</div> <div>5 As one of our last lines of defense against</div> <div>6 unnecessary intrusion to our rights as private citizens, I</div> <div>7 implore FERC not to let market forces and popular opinion</div> <div>8 permanently decide the fate of so many here in Michigan.</div> <div>9 Please explore these questions in alignment with your</div> <div>10 mission when making your decision, thank you.</div> <div>11 (Applause.)</div> <div>12 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number twenty-three is John</div> <div>13 Ford.</div>
PM3-54	<div>14 MR. FORD: First of all I want to thank you all</div> <div>15 for having us here tonight. My name is John Ford and the</div> <div>16 E.T. Rover Pipeline is coming across my property in</div> <div>17 Manchester Township. I have done some research on the E.T.</div> <div>18 Rover and Nexus Pipelines and I found that one or both of</div> <div>19 these pipelines are under-subscribed with gas shippers at</div> <div>20 this time. Will these pipelines ever be used? As previous</div> <div>21 speakers have said, there doesn't seem to be the opportunity</div> <div>22 for the gas to be used. Why do we need to put in pipelines?</div> <div>23 It is my opinion that only one pipeline is needed</div> <div>24 in Michigan if any, and why are we pursuing two? With the</div>
PM3-55	<div>25 recent public safety failures in Flint Michigan of the EPA</div>

PM3-54	See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project.
PM3-55	The commentor’s opposition to the Project is noted.

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1 and MDEQ, I have great concerns that FERC is putting
2 corporate money over public safety and the concerns of
3 citizens. I am not in favor of either of these pipelines
4 and I will yield my remaining time to the next speaker.
5 (Applause.)
6 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker twenty-four is Laura Mebert.
7 DR. MEBERT: Good evening. Can you hear me well?
8 MR. BOWMAN: Yes.

PM3-56

9 DR. MAYBERT: My name is Dr. Laura Mebert. I am
10 an assistant Professor of Social Science at Kettering
11 University. I have five concerns about Rover that are not
12 adequately addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact
13 Statement, some of which have been touched on previously but
14 which I would like to elaborate on.
15 First, I would like to reiterate the point that
16 there is no market need for Rover in Michigan. I am
17 concerned that within the Draft EIS Rover's claims about
18 future natural gas demand in Michigan rely on outdated
19 statistics to make its case for a market segment pipeline
20 north of Defiance, Ohio. As noted by one of the previous
21 speakers, some of the statistics cited are over nine years
22 old and there outdated numbers greatly overstate the need
23 for natural gas in Michigan. Current statistics show that
24 electric and gas use in Michigan are actually declining and
25 are predicted to continue to decline. The same holds true by

PM3-56 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project.

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PM3-56 cont'd	<p>1 the way for Ontario which would be the destination for most</p> <p>2 of the gas transported by Rover. Furthermore, the</p> <p>3 mid-continent independent system operator counts storage as</p> <p>4 another form of pipeline capacity. Michigan has the largest</p> <p>5 gas storage capacity in the U.S. Which negates the need for</p> <p>6 any backup for peak demand. So in short, there is no</p> <p>7 credible evidence of demand-driven need for Rover in</p> <p>8 Michigan or Ontario. Second, moreover there is no need for</p>
PM3-57	<p>9 Rover due to the abundance of alternatives as have already</p> <p>10 been eluded to. The proposed Rover and Nexus Pipelines</p> <p>11 follow almost the exact same route. They are part of a</p> <p>12 wider spider-webbing of new natural gas pipeline projects</p> <p>13 that are crisscrossing our country on the heels of the</p> <p>14 fracking boom.</p> <p>15 FERC has a responsibility to consider the</p> <p>16 cumulative, net implications of all these new pipelines</p> <p>17 together. Kelsey Warren, the CEO of Energy Transfer</p> <p>18 partners recently claimed on a call with investors that the</p> <p>19 natural gas pipeline industry was, in his words,</p> <p>20 overbuilding. His claim is supported by the assessments of</p> <p>21 industry analysts and constituents who suggest that neither</p> <p>22 Rover nor Nexus is needed.</p> <p>23 FERC must rationalize Nexus, Rover and all other</p> <p>24 pieplines being considered. A 2015 Department of Energy</p> <p>25 Report, and I believe this is the same statistic sited by</p>

PM3-57 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project. Section 4.13 of the EIS provides a discussion of cumulative impacts, including the Nexus Pipeline Project.

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1 other commentators found that only 54% of current pipeline
2 capacity is being used, so rational, common sense use of
3 existing gas pipelines through better capacity usage,
4 increased pressurization, partnering and so forth can meet
5 the needs of the target markets without any need for Rover.

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6 Third, so therefore Rover's reason for wanting to
7 build a pipeline is, in my view, inadequate. As noted by
8 earlier commenters this is a supplier-driven pipeline rather
9 than one that is driven by market demand for natural gas.
10 Natural gas markets globally are being flooded because of
11 the proliferation of fracking around the world. There is
12 insufficient market demand to justify Rover. To site FERC's
13 own criteria there is no public convenience of necessity for
14 Rover.

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15 Additionally, I am concerned about the financial
16 ability of Rover and its shippers to actually make use of
17 the pipeline once it is constructed. Travers, which is
18 privately held and owns a thirty-five percent stake in Rover
19 is in financial trouble as is Rover's anchor producer
20 shipper and as are most of its other producer shippers many
21 of whom have had their credit ratings downgraded recently.
22 Many of these companies will not be able to be
23 financially strong enough to comply with 20-year
24 commitments. FERC has a responsibility to ensure that if it
25 gives Rover the green light to begin digging up people's

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See the response to comment CO3-3 regarding financial stability of the Project.

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1 land to lay pipelines that there is a very good reason for
2 it. A very clear need for it and credible evidence that the
3 project will be financially sound enough for the pipeline to
4 be fully used.

5 There is good reason to believe that Rover and
6 its suppliers may be too financially shaky to see this
7 project through so therefore Rover should be required to
8 reveal the actual names of all their suppliers in order to
9 ensure transparency and to allow FERC to determine if Rover
10 shippers really meet minimum financial requirements.

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11 Fifth and finally, the department of energy
12 reports that few new natural gas pipelines are needed to
13 fulfill the Nation's Clean Power Plan. President Obama has
14 also made it clear that the Federal Energy Policy needs to
15 take climate change impacts into consideration. Rover's
16 estimated greenhouse gas emissions are expected to be the
17 same as the Keystone XL Pipeline that the Obama
18 Administration rejected last fall. FERC has a
19 responsibility to include consideration of environmental
20 impacts, due to climate change in its environmental
21 assessment of the project. Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker twenty-five is William
24 Blaine.

25 MR. BLAINE: I didn't come here tonight with

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See the response to comment CO15-11 regarding climate change.

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PM3-61	<div>1 plans on speaking but I'm not going to go at this at an</div> <div>2 environmental impact but the impact on the people. It makes</div> <div>3 me sick to my stomach that this country and the people in</div> <div>4 this country allow a private company to just come in and</div> <div>5 steal my property. They're stealing my property and their</div> <div>6 telling me what they're going to pay me for my property but</div> <div>7 I continue to have to pay the property taxes on the piece of</div> <div>8 property that I can't do what I want with. It makes me sick</div> <div>9 to my stomach and it should make everybody in here,</div> <div>10 everybody in here that agrees with this project, I guarantee</div> <div>11 you, you do not have this pipeline coming through your</div> <div>12 property.</div> <div>13 (Applause.)</div> <div>14 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker twenty-six is Bryan Dever.</div> <div>15 MR. DEVER: Hello, my name is Bryan Dever. I</div> <div>16 appreciate you letting us have some time here to speak with</div> <div>17 you all. First off, I'm not a scientist, I'm not a lawyer</div> <div>18 and I've always heard a lot of reports. I got the report in</div> <div>19 a CD and my computer crashed. I don't even know what it</div> <div>PM3-62</div> <div>20 says to be honest with you. When I talked to Rover I asked</div> <div>21 for simple answers. I haven't got any. I either get</div> <div>22 ignored and no answer, I get conflicting answers or I get</div> <div>23 something the size of a phone book.</div> <div>24 This is a company that may treat politicians</div> <div>25 great, unions great. I can tell you they crap all over</div>

PM3-61 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations and eminent domain.

PM3-62 The commentor’s statement regarding Rover is noted. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.

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PM3-62 cont'd	<p>1 homeowners. We've been lied to, we've been threatened,</p> <p>2 we've been sued, we've been trespassed against. Please do</p> <p>3 not grant a company like this eminent domain to steal our</p> <p>4 property. I can't tell you what the environmental impact is</p> <p>5 going to be. I can tell you that my wife and I own ten</p> <p>6 acres in Lima Township. We bought it because of its beauty.</p> <p>7 We bought it because of hundred foot trees in the back and a</p> <p>8 pond that will be gone.</p> <p>9 They use words like restore. I want to see the</p> <p>10 size of the truck that's going to transplant a hundred foot</p> <p>11 tree. I'm in construction and I do remodeling. I can tell</p>
PM3-63	<p>12 you that what we build now as far as energy efficient homes,</p> <p>13 whether we are remodeling or building, we are using more</p> <p>14 efficient insulation. We are using more efficient</p> <p>15 mechanicals, furnaces, hot water heaters. We're using</p> <p>16 alternative energy. It stands to reason we are going to</p> <p>17 need less gas, not more. Less gas. When your furnace is</p> <p>18 ninety-seven percent efficient instead of eighty, it stands</p> <p>19 to reason we need less.</p>
PM3-64	<p>20 We have a company that has lied to us homeowners</p> <p>21 and how learning tonight that they've basically lied to you.</p> <p>22 They are using outdated data to prove their necessity. I</p> <p>23 don't know how to fight it. I know how to swing a hammer.</p> <p>24 I don't know how to fight these people. We can only rely on</p> <p>25 you. We can rely on you to stop this madness. Thank you.</p>

PM3-63 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project.

PM3-64 The commentor’s opposition to the Project is noted.

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	1	(Applause.)
	2	MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number twenty-seven is Kathy
	3	Shoan.
PM3-65	4	MS. SHOAN: My name is Kathy Shoan. Well,
	5	William Elaine, I did not intend to speak either. When
	6	reviewing the comments tonight from chemists, contractors,
	7	pipeline installers, electricians, etc., please take into
	8	consideration for them it's their livelihood and it's all
	9	about jobs. I wonder how much they really looked at the
	10	environmental impact of the rover pipeline. I think you
	11	need to consider that. Jobs are a wonderful thing. I know
	12	why they're here but how about putting all of these people
	13	to work by fixing the decrepit infrastructure that we have
	14	in Michigan?
	15	(Applause.)
	16	Heck, I think we can just send them all to Flint.
	17	Demand for natural gas is decreasing. We've heard it over
	18	and over. Frank Zaski spoke so well to that and I would
	19	like to give him a few of my minutes because I really don't
	20	like being up here. I agree with I think it was Patricia
	21	the landowner. It's just an overwhelming thing if you're
	22	just a little person in a big old fishbowl trying to fight
	23	this.
PM3-66	24	I would like to bring up my concern about clean,
	25	natural gas. I don't know. I think it's a misnomer. I do

PM3-65	The commentor’s statement regarding the decrease in demand for natural gas is noted. See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding need for the Project.
PM3-66	See the response to comment CO19-4 regarding fracking.

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PM3-66 cont'd	<div>1 know the front end process really worries me. Hydraulic</div> <div>2 fracturing or fracking is environmentally degradating. We see</div> <div>3 contamination of groundwater and if we're in Michigan, we</div> <div>4 live here, I'm born and bred. If Michigan is anything, it's</div> <div>5 groundwater. We're surrounded by the Great Lakes. This gas</div> <div>6 is coming from the Utica and Marcellus Shale Field. People</div> <div>7 out there are being destroyed by the process so I really</div> <div>8 think that we need to look at how we're getting this "clean,</div> <div>9 natural gas".</div> <div>10 They use carcinogenic chemicals that they are not</div> <div>11 required to report under the Clean Water Act. We see an</div> <div>12 increase in earthquakes, Oklahoma. They used to be at the</div> <div>13 bottom of the list for earthquakes. Now per land mass I</div> <div>14 believe they exceed California. What's the difference here?</div> <div>15 It's fracking. Fracturing for natural gas. They have more</div> <div>16 than one earthquake every day. I have friends that live in</div> <div>17 Oklahoma. It's shaken them to their roots.</div> <div>18 I worry about the release of methane from</div> <div>19 fracking. I worry about climate change. By building</div> <div>PM3-67</div> <div>20 pipelines to Canada and the Rover takes it down to Texas to</div> <div>21 liquefy it and ship it out of the country. Why are we doing</div> <div>22 this? It's not even intended for Michigan. So please look</div> <div>23 at all of these people. They want to be put to work. They</div> <div>24 want jobs. You know you really need to screw it nice.</div> <div>25 Who's making comments? I do thank you for your time. I</div>

PM3-67 See the response to comment CO15-11 regarding climate change.
See the response to comment IND48-6 regarding export of gas.

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PM3-68	<div>1pity the landowners.</div> <div>2How many landowners are here tonight? You know,</div> <div>3I think I am towards the last speaker. It's intimidating</div> <div>4coming up here. These people out here, they don't feel like</div> <div>5they have a voice, like they can be heard and they are just</div> <div>6regular old people, just trying to get by and their land's</div> <div>7getting taken with eminent domain. It's just not right. My</div> <div>8heart breaks for these people. Thank you.</div> <div>9(Applause.)</div> <div>10MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number twenty-eight is Karl</div> <div>11Klement.</div>
PM3-69	<div>12MR. KLEMENT: Good evening. The good thing about</div> <div>13being towards the end, most of my points have already been</div> <div>14taken up but there's two things that were never mentioned.</div> <div>15One is, the pipeline informed planning alliance recommends</div> <div>16for this, I'm talking referring to the market portion of the</div> <div>17pipeline, recommends a thousand foot setback from buildings</div> <div>18and structures. Yet, FERC and the DEIS is allowing fifty</div> <div>19feet in some places. My home in particular, a hundred and</div> <div>20twenty-five plus or minus a foot or so. How can you allow</div> <div>21them when their own industry is suggesting to keep it back a</div> <div>22thousand feet? How can you allow them to bring it closer to</div> <div>23the homes?</div>
PM3-70	<div>24My second point, infrasonic low frequency noise.</div> <div>25This is the noise generated by the pipe itself 24/7 when</div>

PM3-68 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding eminent domain.

PM3-69 See the response to comment IND93-5 regarding pipeline safety and setbacks.

PM3-70 See the response to comment IND67-19 regarding low frequency noise.

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PM3-70 cont'd	<div>1 it's in operation. FERC knows this exists but yet they are</div> <div>2 not making pipeline companies do anything about it. Why is</div> <div>3 that? We live in a quiet area. The only thing that I hear</div> <div>4 in the evenings when I open my windows in the summer are</div> <div>5 crickets and frogs. Not the constant rumble of a diesel</div> <div>6 engine, which is what most people say this approximates to.</div> <div>7 Thank you.</div> <div>8 (Applause.)</div> <div>9 MR. BOWMAN: Next speaker is Earl Harding.</div> <div>10 MR. HARDING: I would like to pass on the</div> <div>11 speaking.</div> <div>12 MR. BOWMAN: Our thirtieth speaker is Joe</div> <div>13 Vellardita. Speaker number thirty, Joe Vellardita?</div> <div>14 (Silence)</div> <div>15 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, well, that's the last speaker</div> <div>16 I have signed up to speak so if there's anyone that did not</div> <div>17 sign up to speak and would like to do so, I would like to</div> <div>18 offer that opportunity for anyone at this time. And if you</div> <div>19 would, please do state your name and well it for the record.</div> <div>20 MR. BENNETT: Sure. My name is Keith Bennett,</div> <div>21 K-E-I-T-H B-E-N-N-E-T-T. It was mentioned in the speeches</div> <div>22 here how you may be taking people that have settled with the</div> <div>23 pipeline as a vote for this thing going through and I can</div> <div>24 tell you in my case and in probably a lot of my neighbor's,</div> <div>25 the words eminent domain basically forced us to give up our</div>

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The commentor’s opposition to the Project is noted. The commentor’s opposition to the use of eminent domain is noted. The FERC takes public concerns very seriously and has attempted to provide opportunities for landowners to express their issues with the Project as it is proposed by the applicant. In the attempt to hear from those affected by the Project the FERC held a public scoping period and a public comment period and additionally held 17 public meetings throughout the area of the Project. More information on public involvement is contained in section 1.3 of the EIS.

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1 right to our land and we all feel like we have had it stolen
2 from us. The people that represented us, we have no
3 confidence in them, so our last bastion here because our
4 voices are nil to the vibration of all the jobs and Rover
5 and everything else that you guys here, you don't catch what
6 the landowners are going through.

7 I have neighbors that are getting sick, actually
8 physically ill because of the worry they have, because this
9 is going to go so close to their house, through their
10 property that they bought fifty years ago and planted trees
11 on for retirement. So there's an environmental impact there
12 that's getting overlooked. The beauty that they were going
13 to enjoy is now being taken from them. So I hope you guys
14 consider the landowners. Hopefully you can put some faces
15 and some names to these voices and have that affect your
16 decision. Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 MR. MCCARTER: Hello, my name is Daniel McCarter.
19 That's D-A-N-I-E-L and then McCarter is spelled

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20 M-C-C-A-R-T-E-R. I don't have much to add beyond what has
21 already been said by others who oppose this pipeline, but I
22 would like to reemphasize that this has certain parallels
23 with the Keystone pipeline that was stopped thankfully.
24 This is going to Canada ultimately and it's going to just
25 allow cheap, natural gas to go to Canada. It will also

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As described in section 1.1 of the EIS, in addition to Canadian markets, this Project is intended to provide natural gas to markets in the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions.

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PM3-73 | 1 promote fracking which as has already been stated has caused
2 earthquakes, it harms groundwater, it involves methane leaks
3 in many cases and it threatens our climate.

PM3-74 | 4 I'm not a landowner in the areas that will be
5 effected. I live in Ann Arbor but I know that if I were a
6 landowner I would be very troubled and upset. As far as the
7 jobs that will be created, as has already been said there
8 are plenty of other better ways to create jobs. The Flint
9 water crisis, the need for more mass transit in this
10 country, the need for better infrastructure. I would far
11 prefer to see that as an option to create more jobs. Thank
12 you.

13 (Applause)
PM3-75 | 14 MR. WILDS: Good evening. My name is Robert
15 Wilds W-I-L-D-S. I'd like to thank the committee for the
16 opportunity to speak this evening. I'm here representing
17 the International Union of Operating Engineers. I have been
18 involved in the pipeline industry for thirty years. I have
19 been sitting back here listening to comments about safety,
20 putting a new pipeline creates safety issues and I hear the
21 same people saying there are already pipelines in,
22 transporting gas. That's old infrastructure. Studies have
23 shown from 2001 to 2012 releases from pipelines have reduced
24 sixty percent. Part of this is due to new infrastructure,
25 pipelines being built, not relying on old infrastructure.

PM3-73 See the response to comment CO19-4 concerning fracking.

PM3-74 While it is true that there are other ways to create jobs, including the improvement of municipal water supplies, the development of mass transit, and the improvement of other infrastructure, those alternatives for job creation are not under review in this application. Further, the Rover Project would not preclude any of that development in the future.

PM3-75 The commentor's support for the Project and the improvement to safety that the new pipeline would provide over older pipelines are noted.

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PM3-75 cont'd	<div>1 Transporting this through old infrastructure compared to</div> <div>2 new, I would take the new as far as safety.</div> <div>3 I've heard the comment increase the pressure.</div> <div>4 Increasing pressure you're compromising the safety of the</div> <div>5 pipeline right there, when you increase the pressure,</div> <div>6 especially of an old line. Doesn't it make sense to install</div> <div>7 a new pipeline that uses the most up-to-date materials and</div> <div>8 procedures and be a much safer pipeline than an old one? If</div> <div>9 I had my choice between an old one and a new one, I'd take</div> <div>10 the new one. I do have pipelines run through my property</div> <div>11 and a few years ago it was updated from one that was put in</div> <div>12 1950 and I think four years ago it was put in, it was</div> <div>13 updated. Definitely a relief for me. With that I'll leave</div> <div>14 my comments at that. Thank you for the opportunity to</div> <div>15 speak.</div> <div>16 (Applause.)</div>
PM3-76	<div>17 MR. WHARAM: My name is Tom Wharam. Spelled</div> <div>18 T-O-M W-H-A-R-A-M. I live at 8716 Neil Road. When I signed</div> <div>19 the contract with the Rover Pipeline under coercion of</div> <div>20 eminent domain, they said that they would not remove the</div> <div>21 trees. They were going to send them all through a chipper</div> <div>22 which goes in exact opposite of what is in the FERC</div> <div>23 agreement appendix G4 page 11 item 14, paragraphs A, B and C</div> <div>24 that state that the trees essentially, the final usage of</div> <div>25 the trees is determined by the landowner and I'm kind of</div>

PM3-76

As discussed in appendix G and in section 4.8.4.1 of the EIS, Rover would allow the landowner the right to retain ownership of any cleared trees from landowner’s property and disposal would be negotiated prior to the start of clearing. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations.

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PM3-76 cont'd	<div>1 curious how FERC is going to resolve the issues when they do</div> <div>2 not meet what they say.</div> <div>3 Mike Gray, the representative of E.T. Rover</div> <div>4 Pipeline stated specifically they would not allow me to keep</div> <div>5 any of the trees. They were all going to the chipper. It</div> <div>6 seems like there is one more lie that's being told by E.T.</div> <div>7 Rover.</div> <div>8 (Applause)</div>
PM3-77	<div>9 MR. DUECHON: George Duechon. I'm a third</div> <div>10 generation farmer. I'm a third generation pipeliner. I</div> <div>11 live here in the state of Michigan and I approve the Rover</div> <div>12 Pipeline. The integrity of the pipelines we build is far</div> <div>13 better than anything that was put in the ground fifty, sixty</div> <div>14 years ago. Environmental impacts are minimal and we need</div> <div>15 this pipeline to help rebuild the infrastructure people talk</div> <div>16 about in this state. Our pipelines are failing and we need</div> <div>17 to replace them and the Rover does that. People not seeing</div> <div>18 that does not help us, doesn't help our cause, doesn't put</div> <div>19 food on my table or other people's tables and it doesn't</div> <div>20 make it safer for the public if we keep old infrastructure</div> <div>21 in. We need to replace the old with the new and we need to</div> <div>22 build the Rover Pipeline. Thank you.</div> <div>23 (Applause.)</div> <div>24 MR. BOWMAN: Is there anyone else that would like</div> <div>25 to speak at this time?</div>

PM3-77 The commentor’s support of the Project is noted.

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PM3-78	1	MR. FORD: My name is John Ford and I was up here
	2	earlier and in my research I came across some information
	3	that we only have 14 to 20 years of natural gas left in our
	4	country. Why are we building fifty-year pipelines? We've
	5	already taken the easiest and most cost-effective gas out of
	6	the ground and from here on out it's going to get fewer and
	7	fewer and more cost is going to be needed.
	8	Natural gas is a limited time fuel until we get
	9	to renewable energy. Why are we building fifty-year
	10	pipelines for twenty years of gas? Or less if we start
	11	shipping it overseas.
	12	(Applause.)
	13	MR. LAIER: My name is Don Laier. I'm here to
	14	represent Lima Township.
	15	MR. BOWMAN: Could you spell that last name?
PM3-79	16	MR. LAIER: Laier, L-A-I-E-R. The problem I have
	17	with Rover LLC is they're very bad at communicating with our
	18	Township. We've had Enbridge come through our township.
	19	They come up front, told us what they're going to offer the
	20	Township for all damages during the construction and wear
	21	and tear on our roads. Another thing, Rover is scared to
	22	death of Washtenaw County Road Commission. They will not
	23	step up to the plate, give our township any commitments to
	24	what's going to happen.
PM3-80	25	Another thing that really sucks is we come up

PM3-78 See the response to comment CO3-6 regarding the Project need.

PM3-79 The commentor’s concern with Rover’s communications is noted.

PM3-80 The FERC understands that attending the comment meetings may impose a burden on landowners and the public and therefore also accepts comments through the mail or electronically. The commentor’s statement regarding the easement negotiations with Rover are noted; however, the FERC is not involved in easement negotiations between a pipeline company and a landowner.

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1 here, I'm a landowner, they're going right through the
2 middle of my farm, I'm up here bitching at you and all of
3 these idiots here from the union are up here and they're
4 getting paid for that by Rover. Now why aren't we getting
5 paid for that? Another thing, these people that we're
6 dealing with, they are a bunch of liars and I've made an
7 offer, a counteroffer to Rover in December. They accepted
8 it. A few days later, they called up and said "Sorry, we've
9 made a mistake. We can't honor that." Now I do not feel
10 that is doing justice to the American people. That's about
11 all I got to say.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. BOWMAN: Anyone else at this time. Well if
14 not, the formal part of this meeting will close. I will
15 quickly mention the FERC's website within the FERC website
16 at FERC.GOV there is a link called e-library and within that
17 link you can find everything related to Rover and its
18 affiliate projects using the three docket numbers that are
19 CP15-93, CP15-94 and CP15-96. Those numbers are also in the
20 informational pamphlets outside of the sign-in table.

21 Using those docket numbers you can gain all the
22 filings associated with the Project, filings by the
23 applicants, comments by individuals, and issuances by the
24 FERC. So on behalf of the FERC, thank you for coming here
25 tonight. Let the record show that the meeting closed at

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2 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 8:03
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3 Office of Energy Projects	
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5 Rover Pipeline, LLC Docket No. CP15-93-000	
6 Docket No. CP15-94-000	
7 Docket No. CP15-96-000	
8 Docket No. PF14-14-000	
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10 ROVER PIPELINE PROJECT, PANHANDLE BACKHAUL PROJECT,	
11 TRUNKLINE BACKHAUL PROJECT	
12 Barker Memorial Building	
13 214 North 4th Avenue	
14 Paden City, WV 25159	
15 Monday, April 4, 2016	
16 The DEIS comment meeting, pursuant to notice, convened	
17 at approximately 6:00 p.m., before a Staff Panel:	
18 KEVIN BOWMAN, Environmental Project Manager, OEP,	
19 FERC	
20 OLIVER PAHL, FERC	
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: Good evening, everyone. On behalf
3 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or the FERC, I
4 would like to welcome all of you here tonight to the Public
5 Comment Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
6 for the Rover Pipeline, and Trunkline and Panhandle Backhaul
7 Projects. Let the record show that the Draft Environmental
8 Impact Statement Comment Meeting began at 6:02 p.m. on April
9 4, 2016 in Paden City, West Virginia.

10 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am an Environmental
11 Project Manager with the FERC's Office of Energy Projects,
12 which is a division of the FERC. To my right is Oliver
13 Pahl, representing FERC tonight.

14 Also with us tonight at the sign-in table is
15 Stephanie Briggs and Jon Hess, who are also representing the
16 FERC tonight. You will note that we have arranged for a
17 court reporter to transcribe this meeting so that we have an
18 accurate record of what is said tonight. If you would like
19 a copy of that transcript, you can make arrangements to do
20 so with the court reporter up here at the table tonight
21 following this meeting.

22 In February of 2015, Rover Pipeline LLC,
23 Trunkline Gas Company LLC and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline
24 Company filed applications under Section 7 of the Natural
25 Gas Act to construct and operate certain interstate natural

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1 gas pipeline facilities. Rover's Project would consist of
2 the installation of about 500 miles of variable diameter and
3 some dual natural gas pipeline in West Virginia,
4 Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan as well as ten new
5 compressor stations. Panhandle and Trunkline's projects
6 would involve modifications to their existing facilities to
7 allow Rover to deliver gas into those existing pipeline
8 systems.

9 The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to
10 give you all the opportunity to provide specific
11 environmental comments on the Draft EIS prepared by FERC's
12 Staff for these project. It will help us the most if your
13 comments are as specific as possible regarding the proposed
14 projects and the FERC's Environmental Impact Statement.

15 So I would like to clarify that this is a project
16 being proposed by Rover and its affiliates. It is not a
17 project that is being proposed by the FERC. Rather, FERC is
18 the federal agency that is responsible for evaluating
19 applications to operate and construct interstate natural gas
20 pipeline facilities and evaluate them on their merits.

21 So in summary, the FERC is an advocate for the
22 environmental review process but not specifically for the
23 projects themselves.

24 During our review of these projects, FERC has
25 assembled information from a variety of sources that has

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1 included applicants, the public, state, local and other
2 federal agencies and our own independent analysis and field
3 work. We have analyzed all the information in the public
4 record and prepared this Draft Environmental Impact
5 Statement that was distributed to the public for comment.

6 A Notice of Availability was distributed to the
7 public and issued on February 19th of this year.

8 Along with the FERC, several other agencies
9 assisted us with our review. Those agencies were the U.S.
10 Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection
11 Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Ohio EPA and the West
12 Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Agency.
13 Each of these agencies participated as what we call
14 cooperating agencies in our review of the projects, and I do
15 want to thank those cooperating agencies for their continued
16 support in the review of this Project.

17 So we are coming to the close of the 45-day
18 comment period for the Draft EIS. That comment period ends
19 on April 11, 2016. All comments received, whether they be
20 written or spoken at tonight's meeting, will be addressed in
21 FERC's Final Environmental Impact Statement. I do encourage
22 you, if you plan to submit comments and have not, please do
23 so here tonight either verbally during the comment portion
24 of our meeting, or in written form by using one of the
25 written forms outside the room at the sign-in table.

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1 You may also submit comments using the procedures
2 outlined in the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS
3 which includes instructions on how to submit your comments
4 electronically with the FERC. Do be assured that you
5 comments will be considered with equal weight regardless of
6 whether they are provided verbally during the comment
7 portion of tonight's meeting or submitted to the FERC in
8 writing.

9 Also, if you received a copy of the Draft EIS in
10 the mail, whether it was a paper copy or a CD, you will
11 automatically get a copy of the FERC's Final Environmental
12 Impact Statement, so if you did not get a copy of the EIS in
13 the mail and you would like to get a copy of the final,
14 please do provide your name and address to the FERC staff at
15 the sign-in table and we will make sure that you get a copy
16 of the Final EIS. The Final EIS will also be available for
17 download on the FERC's website.

18 I would like to state that neither the Draft or
19 the Final EIS are decision-making documents. In other
20 words, once they are issued, those documents do not
21 determine whether the project is approved or not.

22 I would like to differentiate between the roles
23 of distinct FERC Staff Members; and those are the actual
24 FERC Commissioners and the Environmental Staff at FERC.
25 Myself and the other staff representing FERC here tonight

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1 are with the Environmental Group at FERC and we oversee the
2 preparation of the Environmental Impact Statements for the
3 projects. We do not determine whether the project is
4 approved or disapproved. Instead, the FERC Commissioners,
5 which consist of five presidentially-appointed individuals,
6 are the ones who are responsible for making the ultimate
7 decision on these projects in determining whether or not to
8 issue Rover and its affiliates a Certificate of Public
9 Convenience and Necessity.

10 So as I mentioned the EIS, while it is not a
11 decision-making document, it does provide the Commission
12 with information to inform its decision in determining
13 whether or not to approve or disprove the projects. Along
14 with the information contained in the Environmental Impact
15 Statement, the Commission will base its decision on
16 information in the public record, including public comments,
17 as well as a host of other non-environmental information
18 such as engineering, markets and rates in making its final
19 decisions.

20 If the Commission does vote to approve a project,
21 then a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is
22 issued to Rover and its affiliates, they will be required to
23 meet certain conditions outlined in such a certificate, some
24 of which include FERC Staff, Environmental Staff monitoring
25 a project through construction and restoration, performing

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1 daily on-site inspections to document environmental
2 compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and any
3 other additional conditions in the certificate.

4 Okay, so that's the brief overview of the FERC
5 process, and we will move on to the part of the meeting
6 where we hear from individuals' comments here tonight.

7 As I did mention before this meeting is being
8 recorded by a court reporter so that all your comments will
9 be accurately transcribed and placed in the public record.
10 I will call individually the speakers that we have signed up
11 tonight. So far we have nine people signed up, so we will
12 call them in that order. I will ask them to come up to the
13 microphone, restate your name so that we have it accurately
14 in the record and proceed to provide your comments to the
15 Panel.

16 My number one rule for tonight is please do show
17 respect for the speaker regardless of whether you agree or
18 disagree with any of the comments that they are providing.
19 Again, if you do not have a chance to speak tonight and you
20 think of something that you would like to submit to the FERC
21 later, you may still do so at a subsequent meeting, written
22 comments or sending them electronically to FERC.

23 The first speaker that I have
24 tonight is James Pritt.

PM4-1 | 25 MR. PRITT: Again, my name is James Pritt.

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The commentor's support for the Project is noted.

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1 I would like to extend my support for the Rover
2 Pipeline Project. As a regulatory manager at Enervest
3 Operating LLC and a member of the Board of Independent World
4 Gas Association of West Virginia, I'm here to testify that
5 the Rover Pipeline holds great promise for all parties
6 affected, especially American consumers in need of safe,
7 clean and affordable energy supply.

8 Upon reviewing the Federal Energy Regulatory
9 Commission's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, I now
10 wholeheartedly believe that the Rover Pipeline will be built
11 to the highest engineering standards and with the utmost
12 respect to workers, landowners and others of the community.
13 That is very important to us at Enervest, one of the twenty-
14 five largest and most respected oil and gas companies in the
15 United States. We employ over twelve hundred hard-working
16 men and women devoted to providing affordable energy to our
17 fellow Americans.

18 Moreover, the Rover Project will be a \$4.3
19 billion investment that creates over ten thousand local
20 construction jobs including eighteen hundred and twenty-two
21 hundred here in West Virginia. Pipeline officials have also
22 pledged to manufacture over seventy-five percent of the
23 project's materials right here in the U.S., further
24 enriching our local and state economies, empowering their
25 workforce.

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1 During its first year of operation, the pipeline
2 is going to generate over \$174 million in property taxes for
3 the states it passes through, including \$3.9 million for the
4 State of West Virginia.

5 These are incredible economic advantages, long
6 desired since the 2008 recession. The Rover Pipeline will
7 make a long-lasting contribution to our nation's pursuit of
8 energy independence. As the world continues to grow more
9 chaotic, it is vital that America achieve new ways to
10 provide for their own energy needs and abandon their
11 dependency on energy imports from unstable regions in the
12 world. The natural gas provided by the Rover Pipeline will
13 provide a steady supply of long-term, low-cost energy the
14 majority of which will stay right here in the U.S. for
15 American consumers and businesses to utilize.

16 As previously noted, I am a proud member of The
17 Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia.
18 Founded in 1959, IOGA of West Virginia was formed to promote
19 and protect the competitive and capable independent natural
20 gas and oil producing industry in West Virginia. It is my
21 belief that the Rover Pipeline will do just that, and not
22 just for West Virginia but every state it passes through.

23 American consumers far and wide deserve the
24 reliable and affordable energy that Rover Pipeline will
25 provide for years into the future. For all of these

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1 reasons, I am happy to support the construction and
2 maintenance of the Rover Pipeline and I encourage my fellow
3 West Virginians to do the same. Thank you.
4 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you. Our second speaker
5 tonight is John Hudson.

PM4-2

6 MR. HUDSON: Hi. My name is John Hudson. I
7 represent the Teamsters in Wheeling. These pipeline jobs
8 number one for the economy and things, this is what we
9 specialize in is doing pipelines. We've got the best
10 welders, the best operators, and this is what we do, is the
11 environmental thing. We take the dirt, put the topsoil, the
12 subsoil, build our pipelines, put everything back just
13 exactly like it had been. You'll never even be able to tell
14 in five years that this pipeline has went through here
15 because we put it back just exactly like it was. That's
16 what we're trained to do.
17 We run trainings to it, with the labor and the
18 operators with the welders to do specifically this; to make
19 this thing one of the most environmentally-friendly things
20 that we can do. We look at this like we are going across
21 our own land and how we would want it done as we're going
22 across our own land; on putting the soil back, the streams
23 and the water back, et cetera, et cetera.
24 Besides that, the economic factor here, West
25 Virginia needs the jobs. The coal industry has went down

PM4-2 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 greatly. These are some of the best paying jobs in the
2 State of West Virginia because they're union jobs. They pay
3 health and welfare, they pay benefits, we do training
4 schools, we reach out to the communities. This is not going
5 to be a bunch of people coming in here from out of state
6 that don't know anything about West Virginia. This is going
7 to be West Virginia people working on a West Virginia
8 pipeline to make it just exactly the way we want it done.
9 Thank you.

10 (Applause)

11 MR. BOWMAN: The third speaker is Dave Jurovcik.
12 Sorry if I got that one wrong.

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13 MR. JUROVCIK: Good evening. Again, my name is
14 Dave Jurovcik. Thank you for the opportunity to let me
15 speak tonight. I'm a long-standing member of IBEW 141. The
16 Rover Pipeline Project has demonstrated a commitment to
17 preserving local environments along the proposed route
18 through its detailed environmental impact mitigation plan.
19 This plan will succeed thanks to the dedication of skilled
20 workers like myself and the rest of our workforce.
21 The IBEW holds its members to the highest
22 standards with respect to training and adherence to local
23 and federal regulations on the work site. We are excited to
24 get to work on this project both for the benefits the
25 construction process will bring to this region as well as

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The commentor's support for the Project is noted.

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1 the end result, a supply of domestically-produced natural

2 gas. I hope FERC will pursue a timely review of the Rover

3 Pipeline Project. Thank you.

4 (Applause)

5 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker No. 4 is Glenn Giffin.

PM4-4

6 MR. GIFFIN: Good evening. My name is Glenn

7 Douglas Giffin. I'm a member of IBEW Local 141, Wheeling,

8 West Virginia, also the President. Based right here in

9 Wheeling, West Virginia I'm here tonight to testify in

10 support of this Rover Pipeline. a vital piece of energy

11 infrastructure that will create thousands of good jobs for

12 skilled tradesman like myself. I believe our trade has been

13 selected for the project because of our proven commitment to

14 deliver the highest quality of work in a safe, responsible

15 manner.

16 We pride ourselves on having some of the most

17 advanced training and operating procedures that emphasize

18 clean and safe working conditions as members of the

19 communities that the pipeline will traverse. We are also

20 committed to operating with minimal disruption or impact to

21 the landowner and the natural environment.

22 I urge the Commission to approve this project and

23 allow our region to benefit from clean, natural gas for

24 generations to come.

25 (Applause)

PM4-4 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker No. 5 is Robert Richard.

2 MR. RICHARD: Good evening. My name is Rob

3 Richard. Thank you for providing the opportunity to voice

4 my support for the Rover Pipeline through the Great State of

5 West Virginia. As an organizer for the West Virginia

6 Appalachian Laborer District Council, I know that I am

7 speaking on behalf of my fellow linemen and members as well.

8 The Laborers International Union of North America is the

9 most progressive, fastest growing union of construction

10 workers and public service employees.

11 Over five hundred thousand members are among the

12 nation's twelve million construction workers, who together

13 help to produce over five percent of the nation's economy

14 output. We are devoted to conducting ourselves with the

15 highest level of professionalism and adhering to the highest

16 safety engineering and construction standards. That is why

17 we have been chosen to help construct the Rover Pipeline and

18 why it should be one of the safest and most reliable

19 transporters of energy ever built.

20 During construction, the Rover Pipeline will

21 generate ten thousand jobs for local labor groups improving

22 linemen, for which nearly five hundred and seventy million

23 has been reserved for payments; between eighteen hundred and

24 twenty-two hundred of those will go to laborers in West

25 Virginia. The \$4.3 billion investment will help enrich and

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1 will revitalize local economies at every turn as hired labor
2 will begin to frequent nearby shops, hotels, restaurants,
3 hardware stores and local businesses.
4 Once finished, the Rover Pipeline will also
5 generate one hundred and forty-seven million in property
6 taxes for affiliated states, money that is sure to be partly
7 reinvested in local schools, roads, parks and other public
8 endeavors. Furthermore, we on the West Virginia Appalachian
9 Labor District Council have reviewed the Federal Energy
10 Regulatory Commission Draft Environmental Impact Study and
11 can see that the Rover Pipeline Officials share our devotion
12 to maintaining a safe workplace while minimizing disruption
13 to the environment, landowners and the community at large.
14 Not only have they hired the best laborers, but they also
15 have solicited the help of best and most experienced
16 environmental engineer-agricultural experts, land
17 consultants, in order to ensure the short and long-term
18 impacts of the pipeline are minimal and temporary.
19 Moreover, we at the LIUNA know that helping
20 construct the Rover Pipeline will also help end our nation's
21 pursuit of achieving energy independence, and lessening our
22 reliance on import from hostile and unstable countries.
23 Natural gas is a clean, stable and affordable
24 means of energy that will provide households and businesses
25 both here in West Virginia and nationwide with reliable

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1 energy for decades into the future. The Rover Pipeline in
2 particular will transport 3.25 billion cubic feet of natural
3 gas every day, the majority of which will stay right here in
4 the U.S. to be distributed to American businesses,
5 householders and other end-users.

6 For these reasons I extend my support to Rover
7 Pipeline and look forward to working with the pipeline
8 officials to ensure that this project is completed safely,
9 correctly and in a timely manner. Thank you.

10 (Applause)

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11 MR. BOWMAN: Our sixth speaker is Sandra Weaver.

12 MS. WEAVER: I was talking to Kevin out in the
13 hall about, we have an access road going through our farm,
14 and pretty much you said that wasn't to do with FERC. I
15 don't understand it, because it very definitely is affecting
16 the environment because there is no road there. It is going
17 through our fields, and I want to know -- why I came down
18 here to see if somebody could address that.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. BOWMAN: So I just want to clarify real quick
21 there. Any sort of project-related facility including
22 access roads do need to be approved and reviewed by the
23 FERC, so those are things that FERC will consider, and did
24 consider in its environmental impact statement and must
25 receive a Commissioner approval to move forward with this

PM4-6

Any project related facilities, including access roads, are reviewed by the FERC and the impacts are considered in the EIS and must receive Commissioner approval. See the response to comment IND20-35 regarding negotiations for use of private access roads. Our analysis and conclusions for the commentor's request regarding the access road on her property is provided in table 3.4.2-3. Based on our analysis, we determined that the proposed access road is acceptable.

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1 project. I just wanted to clarify that for the record for
2 you.

3 The seventh speaker is Larry Helmick.

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4 MR. HELMICK: My name's Larry Helmick. I'm a
5 landowner in Tyler County. Some of you may know me. I
6 don't want to necessarily stand and talk with my back to all
7 of you. I heard, I'm the seventh speaker, I've heard five
8 people come up, support the jobs that this pipeline is going
9 to create. And there's no doubt, this pipeline is going to
10 be great for the economy, it's going to be great for a lot
11 of things, but you've got to realize probably -- and this
12 makes me a little nervous, it kind of gears up my heart to
13 get up here and speak, so excuse me if I get a little choked
14 up.

15 This project will not greatly affect probably
16 ninety-five percent of the people and the property that it
17 crosses. Most people will benefit, make a lot of money,
18 it's going to be good for them; they are going to see money
19 that they've never seen before or had access to see. I've
20 been in the military for twenty-eight years. Been a state
21 trooper for I think it will be twenty in October; been on
22 active duty for the last seven.

23 I've seen a lot of things. I've seen a lot of
24 accidents. I've got two kids. One in school, the other
25 one's in the Air Force. You're wondering where this is

PM4-7

Our analysis and conclusions for the commentor's requested reroute is provided in table 3.4.3-3 of the EIS. Based on our analysis, we determined that the proposed route is acceptable and we are not recommending a reroute through this parcel.

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PM4-7 cont'd	1	going; I'll get there. I've got two other kids that live at
	2	home; one's thirteen, one's eleven. Where we live, we own
	3	eight acres of property, it's in a housing development.
	4	We found out that Rover submitted a corridor that
	5	can go through our housing development with a 36-inch
	6	pipeline, with 1200 pounds of pressure. And what you don't
	7	hear, what you don't see advertised is the blast radius --
	8	for a 36-inch pipeline at 1200 pounds of pressure, the kill
	9	rate is zero survivability if an accident happens, is a
	10	little over a thousand foot. This pipeline is within a
	11	hundred and twenty-one foot of one of my houses.
	12	I have two homes. They appraise for about four
	13	hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I've spent my entire
	14	life in this piece of property, where I'm going to live and
	15	die. Again, it doesn't affect ninety percent of the people.
	16	If I had a thousand acres between me and the back side --
PM4-8	17	(off mic).
	18	I went to the meetings, I've had meetings with
	19	Rover. I've sent my paperwork to FERC, sent certified mail.
	20	I've asked for a route change, just to move it a little bit.
	21	I live in one of my homes with my wife and my two
	22	children, and we both work, me and my wife. You guys know
	23	what it's like when the two of you are going to work. I
	24	leave my kids there an hour or two a day, sometimes by
	25	themselves. If this gas line ruptures, they wouldn't have a

PM4-8

The commentor’s concerns regarding pipeline safety are noted. See also the response to comment LA3-1 regarding pipeline safety.

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1 chance. And that's why I say I won't even think what it
2 feels like for me, doing what I do for a living, protecting
3 everybody. This is what I base my life on, and now
4 somebody's going to walk into my property and they're going
5 to take that ability to protect my children away from me.
6 I know it's safe gas, but if I told you every car
7 accident you got into if you dented your fender this much
8 it's going to kill you? A lot of us wouldn't drive and
9 that's a risk that we take. See I bought a piece of
10 property to not have that risk, and now that is being taken
11 from me. I don't agree with that. I support the pipeline.
12 What I don't agree with is the process that when a top
13 representative from Rover sets down and tells me that
14 they're not going to move the pipeline unless FERC says so
15 and the only way the FERC is going to tell them is if I've
16 got bats, salamanders, or pigmy bugs on my property.
17 See, because that's valued to them more than what
18 my kids are. I'm not afraid of guns. I've owned guns my
19 whole life. If somebody ever pointed a gun at you, you'd be
20 appalled, you'd be fearful because you don't know if they're
21 going to pull the trigger or not. Me living in my home is
22 like putting my eleven-year-old or my thirteen-year-old to
23 bed and Rover Pipeline has a gun telling me it's okay. But
24 it's sitting there pointing at them. I can't do nothing
25 about it.

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PM4-9 | 1 Great welders. Great pipeline. Great workers.
2 We have them all over the world. Accidents happen. I filed
3 a response to the Environmental Impact Statement as per a
4 route change. They recently posted those changes. I
5 explained that earlier. Those changes come back and say
6 that I was obstructing the route due to trees on my
7 property. I don't have a tree on my property. What I do
8 have is a route that takes a 36-inch pipeline, three sides
9 of the four sides of the property that I have. I submitted
10 that in certified mail that it's a hundred and twenty-one
11 feet from one of my homes.

PM4-10 | 12 My second home, my sister who was displaced by
13 unfortunately a fracking incident, who is currently getting
14 over cancer, she lives in that second home, 121 feet. She
15 can't live there with that gas line. She has already saying
16 that she wouldn't. Everybody's got a story. Everybody's
17 got a problem. I get it. This is a big corporation.
18 I've had attorneys from everywhere telling me
19 "there is nothing you can do about it. Fight it. Hire your
20 own surveyor and you can get a route reengineered." Get a
21 route reengineered. I don't have that money. See, I'm in
22 debt, like everybody else setting here, like the pipeline
23 workers who are going out here and busting their ass to put
24 in pipelines.
25 We've all got bills to pay. I get up and go to

PM4-9

Our analysis and conclusions for the commentor's requested reroute is provided in table 3.4.3-3 of the EIS.

PM4-10

See the response to comment PM4-7 regarding a reroute on the property. Impacts on Property Values are discussed in section 4.9.5 of the EIS.

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1 work every day like everybody else. The value of my
2 property is going to diminish; the life of my children is

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3 going to be in danger; and for somebody that has spent as
4 much time as I have for everything that I believe in, it's
5 hard for me to fathom that this can happen to any of us here
6 without our permission. How did -- pass the resolution? I
7 don't think it needs any kind of -- the county passed a
8 resolution that says -- (off mic) -- for the landowner or a
9 resident, and you're going to put a pipeline in, they need
10 to have permission of the landowners. The landowners are --
11 because it is too dangerous.

12 If somebody in here has a meter in their house
13 and they put carbon monoxide in, the state police and the
14 county sheriff can come in and take the kids from him. Not
15 because they are hurt, it's because you're endangering them.
16 You see, you can put a gas line that has a kill-radius of a
17 thousand feet within a home, and you can do that without the
18 permission of the landowner. I don't get it.

19 I called the legislature. I know what I do for a
20 living. I know when I go in people's homes --. We've got
21 some flaws in our system. We've got some flaws with the
22 pipeline, and it's not FERC's. FERC does exactly what they
23 are designed to do. There is not a single law, federal or
24 state that says there's a distance from a residence that
25 they can put the line in.

PM4-11

The commentor’s concerns for the lack of a law restricting the distance from a residence and a pipeline are noted.

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PM4-12	1 I was specifically told in a meeting with Rover 2 officials and my attorney, that if I don't and sign and I 3 don't do what they want me to do, they will take me to 4 federal court and they will take my property anyway. I'm 5 willing to roll those dice not because I have nothing to 6 lose, that's where my back is.	
PM4-13	7 So you know, I don't understand, why I filed my 8 comments again how the fact that I was rejected because 9 other people's route restructure was sustained due to 10 proximity of residents. I'm going to resubmit that 11 paperwork. I will discuss that with them and we will see 12 where it goes. I'm going to do the right thing. Like 13 everybody's supposed to do.	
PM4-14	14 All of you workers and pipeliners and other 15 workers have to realize that ninety-five percent of what 16 you're doing is great. There is a few good people out 17 there. I mean, I didn't ask for this. I got eight acres of 18 land in a housing development and I'm struggling. So just 19 keep that in mind. I'm not pissed at the oil workers. 20 I've got some rental property that oil workers 21 rent out, and I love them to death. That conversation 22 occurs once in a while. Good people. I've been in Tyler 23 County my whole life. (off mic). 24 The word in my family is you can cut through this 25 place instead. Just be aware of that, especially the --	

PM4-12 See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding landowner negotiations and eminent domain.

PM4-13 The commentor’s intention to file a requested alternative is noted.

PM4-14 The commentor’s statements are noted.

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PM4-14 cont'd	1	very important people -- on people's property, because I'm
	2	afraid you're going to see some of this.
PM4-15	3	For my comments for FERC I would like that it
	4	just be duly noted that I did file comments and I'm wanting
	5	to look at a route change on my property in Tyler County. I
	6	want to resubmit those after talking with you, and you will
	7	see some emails, photographs and other things like that. I
	8	would just like for you to take into consideration that
	9	whenever you give an environmental statement and you look at
	10	it, there is somebody trying to make a lot of money who's
	11	trying to get something in front of you and they're doing
	12	the right thing. They check all the blocks and they do
	13	everything. But there are certain people out there getting
	14	-- I've looked at the environmental statement. I've seen
	15	the same pen and the same checkmarks on fifty, sixty,
	16	seventy pages in a row; and I've done paperwork my whole
	17	life. I've watched people flip pages after page after page
	18	and they check the same box. Nobody stepped foot on my
	19	property and did a survey. I've got a man-made pond and
PM4-16	20	they're going to run the line across the hillside above a
	21	pond of mine?
PM4-17	22	The hillside is full of three-foot slips and I
	23	asked them how's that going to affect the pipeline? How's
	24	it going to affect the irrigation? They told me it doesn't
	25	matter. They said they did their environmental study. I

PM4-15	The commentor’s intention to file a requested alternative is noted.
PM4-16	The commentor’s statement regarding the pipeline route located along the hillside above the commentor’s pond is noted.
PM4-17	Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures regarding landslides are discussed in sections 4.1.3.4 and 4.1.5 of the EIS. As discussed in section 4.8.4.1 of the EIS, Rover would establish with the landowner an acceptable amount of time that the irrigation system could be offline. Rover would compensate the landowner for damaged crops. The commentor’s statements regarding survey permission are noted. In areas where field survey access was denied by landowners, data were obtained from “desktop” sources as described in section 1.2 of the EIS. This information provides a reasonable basis for an assessment of resources and potential impacts. If the project is certificated by the Commission, it conveys the right of eminent domain, including access for field surveys. Rover must complete all remaining field surveys for agency permitting prior to FERC consideration of authorizing construction.

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1 never signed for a survey to be done on my property and they
2 never stepped foot on my property.
3 I submitted those blank requests to FERC, stating
4 I did not give them permission to come on my property, and
5 they've never stepped one foot on my property to do the
6 survey. Some of the paperwork that they've submitted to
7 FERC does not have the right property owners on the deeds.
8 I've submitted that as well.

PM4-18

9 There is a lot of inaccuracies that are
10 submitted, and for the most part it does not affect ninety
11 percent of the people. I'm looking for a way to get my
12 small piece in front of a large group of people to take a
13 look at this and say, "Hey, big business is going to -- (off
14 mic) -- despite what's done." You guys will all work.
15 Despite my -- it's not going to stop. I was told
16 specifically if there was something on my property that
17 would stop the pipeline -- I just don't believe it. It's
18 happening; the pipeline is taking it.
19 Those of you that don't know, it's paid for
20 because they've got the money to build it. We know that.
21 It's great for the economy. What I don't like is the
22 process in which they can come in and take what they want
23 and when they can sit down and tell you, unless FERC gives
24 them a reason to move the pipeline, they won't.
25 That's pretty much all I got. Thank you.

PM4-18

The commentor's statements regarding inaccuracies are noted.

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	1 (Applause)	
	2 MR. BOWMAN: Our eighth speaker is Woody Ireland.	
PM4-19	3 MR. IRELAND: Good evening. My name is Woody	
	4 Ireland, and I and my wife own a farm in Ritchie County,	
	5 which is a couple counties away, where we raise cattle; part	
	6 of the farm has been in the family since 1820. And as you	
	7 heard the gentleman just speak, a lot of West Virginians	
	8 value their land pretty highly, as I do. I'm not directly	
	9 affected by this particular pipeline project but will be by	
	10 the Columbia Pipeline Project which will go through our farm	
	11 also, which parallels by the way, a 20-inch Dominion line	
	12 that's been in service since the late 70's, early 80's with	
	13 no particular problem; and actually that particular pipeline	
	14 project opened up probably ten or fifteen acres of woodland	
	15 for pasture that I wouldn't have the ability to run some	
	16 cattle on otherwise.	
	17 I also am a member of the West Virginia	
	18 Legislature and Chairman of the Energy Committee in the	
	19 House of Delegates and I think your home office has a letter	
	20 as a matter of fact, over my signature, asking for	
	21 expeditious consideration of all the various FERC projects	
	22 having to do with natural gas distribution within and	
	23 without the state.	
	24 Now with that being said, we've already heard	
	25 about the necessity of and the importance of the jobs, the	

PM4-19 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

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1 importance of the property tax, the importance of clean
2 burning fuel versus coal, and we can argue about whether or
3 not coal ought to be taking the route that it currently is
4 taking, but nevertheless it is. West Virginia is taking the
5 brunt of that particular effort.

6 So from the standpoint of energy independence, we
7 have an opportunity I think, with the development of the
8 Marcellus and Utica shales, put West Virginia is not only on
9 the map but makes the United States pretty much energy
10 independent. One of the things we haven't talked about yet
11 this evening is the importance of severance tax issued for
12 the balancing of the budget of the State of West Virginia.

13 You all, from a Washington standpoint, may not be
14 particularly interested in this but I think most of the
15 folks in this room probably are. Currently we are quite a
16 few million dollars short of balancing the state budget, of
17 which we are required to do constitutionally. Thankfully we
18 are not in the position that the Federal Government is where
19 we can just borrow the money and run or go with the flow.
20 We have to balance the budget.

21 The coal service tax, which has paid most of the
22 bills for a number of years in West Virginia is on a
23 downward spiral. The fact that the gas service tax has yet
24 to pick up the slack. There are huge, significant cuts to
25 be made in the services provided to the public of West

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1 Virginia or taxes need to be increased, whether it be a food
2 tax or a sales tax or a tobacco tax or whatever other tax
3 hopefully you can come up with.

4 This particular pipeline project, I believe the
5 Rover Pipeline I have understood to be able to transport two
6 and a half billion cubic feet a day. If you look at the 5
7 percent service tax that's allocated on that, that's about
8 two hundred fifty thousand dollars a day in service tax
9 going into the state coffers; four million dollars a day
10 that that one pipeline would provide from the standpoint of
11 providing services for the State of West Virginia public.

12 That's beyond the jobs that have already been
13 talking about. That's beyond the property taxes already
14 been talking about. It also provides for the royalty
15 payments at whatever percent of royalty is being paid on
16 that gas for royalty. So if you look at the, I believe
17 there are six current projects before FERC in West Virginia.
18 If you look at all six of them, those are extremely,
19 extremely affordable projects from the standpoint of West
20 Virginia's economy, from the standpoint of the economy of
21 the United States, and from the standpoint of environmental
22 concern.

23 I would encourage you to expeditiously look at
24 those projects and make a move on them and take into
25 consideration, take into consideration the concern of the

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PM4-19 cont'd	1	gentleman in the blue shirt, and others like him. Because
	2	those things are extremely important to the people of West
	3	Virginia.
	4	Thank you very much.
	5	(Applause)
PM4-20	6	MR. BOWMAN: Our ninth speaker is John Williams.
	7	MR. WILLIAMS: Excuse me. My name is John Paul
	8	Williams. I am an environmental consultant for the
	9	Operating Engineers Union. I have thirty years experience
	10	doing various kinds of environmental permits, air and water
	11	permits, and I've probably read hundreds of environmental
	12	impact statements on pipelines and other kinds of large
	13	industrial developments.
	14	I've reviewed this Draft Environmental Impact
	15	Statement, and I wanted to bring up a couple matters that
	16	are somewhat novel regarding this Environmental Impact
	17	Statement. One issue here in the part of the pipeline
	18	that's in West Virginia is when a pipeline is in an area
	19	with slopes or wetlands that the right-of-way for the
	20	pipeline has been considerably narrowed; rather than one
	21	hundred and twenty-five feet, it's down to seventy-five
	22	feet.
	23	Now I talked to the trainers who train the
	24	pipeline workers about how to work in these narrow areas,
	25	and they've assured me that the people are highly skilled

PM4-20

The commentor’s support of the decision to adopt narrow right-of-way in certain circumstances is noted.

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1 and accustomed to working in those constricted right-of-
2 ways; so given that information I would like to say that we
3 endorse FERC's decision to adopt a narrow right-of-way in
4 those certain circumstances where FERC feels that it's
5 appropriate.

PM4-21

6 Another issue that once again is somewhat unusual
7 is that the FERC staff has prepared I believe twenty-five
8 pages of mitigation measures for this particular pipeline.
9 That's quite a lengthy list of requirements, and many of the
10 requirements are very tough. And additional reporting is
11 required. But we also recognize it's an extremely large
12 project, that will involve ten thousand acres of land. When
13 you get a large project, you have large impacts and so you
14 need a comprehensive approach to mitigating the adverse
15 effects of it.

16 So we support FERC's decision to require that
17 lengthy list of mitigation measures, and we hope those
18 mitigate whatever problems may occur. Thank you very much
19 for the opportunity to testify today. Thank you.

20 (Applause)

21 MR. BOWMAN: Okay, so that's everyone who has
22 signed up to speak tonight. I would like to offer the
23 opportunity to anyone else who did not sign up, and would
24 like to offer any comments to us tonight.

25 I see a hand, you can come on up to the

PM4-21

The commentor’s support for the mitigation measures proposed
by FERC is noted.

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1 microphone. Please do state and spell your name so we have
2 an accurate recording for tonight's meeting.

PM4-22 3 MR. OTTE: Mark Otte, that's M-A-R-K O-T-T-E.
4 On July 1, '15, we e-filed FERC a submission on a
5 spring, I'm a small farmer, my brother, son and our wives
6 are involved in this farm, plus my parents; asking for a
7 reroute due to a spring we have developed. I have never
8 talked to a Rover person. I have talked to somebody who
9 represents them -- I can't think of the name of the company
10 -- but they came to us and said that they wanted to look at
11 it. So we took them down, we looked at it. We told them
12 where we wanted it, if they have to move it, they might as
13 well move it where we want it, it's still on our property.

14 We also realized the line was going through our
15 property. They put it about halfway where we wanted. They
16 did miss the water spring. We recently got a letter just
17 the other day saying that if we want that, we may have to
18 pay for it out of our money. I didn't really understand
19 that, but that's what I was led to believe that the letter
20 said.

PM4-23 21 I agree with the gentleman right here. Their
22 values on my brother's house would have been a fifth of the
23 value of it, but if the bats where there they would have to
24 move it.

25 They told us the best thing we could do was say

PM4-22

Our analysis and conclusions regarding a reroute on the parcel is provided in table 3.4.3-3 of the EIS. See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding easement negotiations.

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See the response to comment CO11-1 regarding easement negotiations.

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PM4-24	1 we're sorry. We worked hard on the farm. We know it has to 2 go. All these workers need jobs. I was young once, I did 3 jobs. A fair price, good environment. If they have to move 4 it, why not move it where we want?	
PM4-25	5 We also wonder why we never heard anything from 6 FERC. Why haven't they told us what they did with our 7 filing? We've never heard if they said anything. We've 8 talked to the gentleman. He said FERC has nothing to do 9 with this. We're just doing it on our own. I thought FERC 10 would have said something.	
PM4-26	11 The pipeline's going to go in. It's going in. 12 You're going to get jobs. I'm not sure if West Virginians 13 are going to work on these jobs. They usually bring in 14 their own people. But I hope we get them. As far as money 15 is concerned for the state, they will just -- I went from 16 twenty-four hundred dollars a month to six hundred. You 17 learn how to manage your money when you don't have it. I 18 don't think we should pay for it. Thank you. 19 (Applause)	
PM4-27	20 MR. RICCARD: My name is Steven Riccard and I 21 support FERC and I support Local 798 and I speak to support 22 the Rover Pipeline. Thank you. 23 (Applause)	
PM4-28	24 MR. BOWMAN: Yes sir. 25 MR. BROGDEN: My name's Frank Brogden and I live	

PM4-24 See the response to comment PM4-22 regarding the landowners re-route request.

PM4-25 All comments received prior to issuance of the draft EIS were reviewed by FERC staff. As stated in section 1.3 of the EIS, substantive questions and concerns were addressed in the draft EIS. Comment letters received between issuance of the draft EIS and the final EIS, as discussed in section 1.3 of the EIS, are addressed in appendix T.

PM4-26 As discussed in section 4.13.6.8 of the EIS, Rover has estimated that the Project pipeline facilities would employ an average of 9,998 workers for the various pipeline laterals, mainlines and segments, with fluctuations as high as 14,225 workers. Local hires and local union halls would supply approximately 50 percent of the workforce for such jobs as surveyors, welders, equipment operators, and general laborers. Rover estimates that the proposed compressor station would employ between 156 and 196 workers on a regular basis during construction with fluctuations as high as 250 workers.

PM4-27 The commentor’s support for the Project is noted.

PM4-28 Impacts on Property Values are discussed in section 4.9.5 of the EIS.

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PM4-28 cont'd	1 in -- ((inaudible)). 2 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell that last name? 3 MR. BROGDEN: B-R-O-G-D-E-N. This pipeline has 4 ruined my property. No property value. How do you sell a 5 house with a 36-inch gas main four hundred feet from your 6 front door? Who would buy it? They won't reduce my taxes. 7 All my life is gone. No one wants to talk about it. -- my 8 son can't build a house. Everybody makes money but the 9 people that own the ground. We've got to live with a bomb,	
PM4-29	10 and "they don't blow up." Well, look in the paper, they 11 blow up all the time.	
PM4-30	12 What do we do? Can't sell our house, and they 13 won't reduce his taxes. Who would buy it with a 36-inch, 14 twelve hundred pound gas four hundred feet from your front 15 door? Everybody makes money but the people that own the 16 ground. We deal with it 24/7. Thank you. 17 (Applause) 18 MR. BOWMAN: Is there anyone else that would like 19 to provide comments? 20 (No response.) 21 Okay, so if there is no one else that would like 22 to provide comments at this time, the formal part of 23 tonight's meeting will close. I think we mentioned within 24 the FERC website there is a link called eLibrary on the FERC 25 website at FERC.gov.	

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See the responses to comments LA3-1 and IND51-5 regarding pipeline safety.
- PM4-30

Impacts on Property Values are discussed in section 4.9.5 of the EIS.

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PM4 – Barker Memorial Building, Paden City, WV (cont’d)

1 If you type in the project docket numbers for
2 each of these three projects CP15-93, CP15-94 and CP15-96.
3 You can use the FERC website to find everything of the
4 record related to these projects and those docket numbers
5 are on the forms outside the sign-in table for your records.
6 FERC record will contain the Draft Environmental Impact
7 Statement, all the filings by Rover and its affiliates, and
8 all comments submitted by stakeholders to the public record.

9 So on behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
10 Commission thank you for coming to the meeting tonight. Let
11 the record show the meeting concluded at 6:53 p.m.

12 Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the DEIS comment meeting concluded at
14 6:53 p.m.)

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